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**BACK TO THE
VOLUNTEERS**

GOVERNMENT is to be congratulated for its decision to abandon compulsory service. This has been a source of frequent and needless irritation in recent years, particularly so when Britain has itself abandoned national service, and there will be a widespread hope that there are sufficient keen young recruits to keep Hongkong's defence forces and auxiliaries at an adequate strength.

It may be recalled that when Brigadier L. T. Ride recently announced the reorganisation of the defence force into a reconnaissance unit, the China Mail then stated its belief that a volunteer unit would be preferable to one that was compulsorily recruited and it is pleasing to see that this principle has now been recognised, not only in the case of the RHQDF, but all the various auxiliary units. By retaining only those members who are genuinely interested and discarding the others, these units should all be much the stronger.

THE difference the decision will make in terms of cost to the taxpayer will possibly not be much particularly as Government plans to keep the manpower department in being. But the most important part of the decision is that it recognises the general dissatisfaction with conscription and the waste of time it is for many people who have no interest in this form of service and who can see no possible use for it except in an emergency.

In the essential services corps at least one unit—and there are possibly others—existed for several years without a single parade, yet each individual had a classification, regular medical checks and a file to be maintained in the manpower department—an utter waste of time and money. It is to be hoped the new arrangements will be accompanied by a pruning of unnecessary units.

IT is to be understood that the Colony is not in any sense "dropping its guard". True that internal security has been good for four years and the emergency of the early 1950s when communism took over in China has passed. Nevertheless over the years both in Shanghai and in Hongkong the volunteers have played an invaluable role in local defence and security and Government has made it clear that they are not now going to be allowed to dwindle into insignificance.

The frequent alarms in Asia permit no complacency here. Besides our auxiliary services have taken a noble part in alleviating suffering and distress during the frequent calamities which have afflicted Hongkong in recent years, and the general hope must be that this will continue. Employers will undoubtedly agree to support the volunteers as they have the defence force in the past, though a fair request to Government and the auxiliary commands is to revise their training schedules and to restrict to an essential minimum their calls on individuals so that absence from work causes the least possible disruption.

**Pakistan tornado
death toll rises**

Dacca, Mar. 22. The total death toll in the weekend tornado which swept four districts of East Pakistan has risen to 260, according to reports coming in from cut off villages.

According to an official report issued today more than 1,200 people were injured, 163 seriously, in the tornado

**Russia told to start sincere negotiations over Laos
K HAS 24 HOURS TO AGREE**

**U.S. prospects
of involvement
now greater**

Washington, Mar. 22. High officials said tonight President Kennedy in effect has given Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev 24 hours to agree to sincere negotiations to end the civil war in Laos or face the prospects of deeper U.S. involvement in that country.

**Heroin
found on
French
air girl**

New York, Mar. 22. U.S. Customs agents announced today the arrest of a French airline stewardess carrying 4½ pounds of heroin.

Simone Christmann, 35, of Paris, was apprehended last night shortly after she arrived at Idlewild airport from Paris as a crew member of an Air France jet plane.

Lawrence Fleishman, head of the New York customs enforcement staff, said the heroin was found when a customs officer decided to make a routine search.

10 YEARS

Miss Christmann has been a stewardess for 10 years. The three women among the crew members were put in a separate room to be searched later by a woman customs employee, Fleishman said.

He said Miss Christmann became panicky and attempted to dispose of two cellophane packets of heroin.

Fleishman said Miss Christmann attempted to hide the packets but one tore and white powder spilled on the floor as agents entered the room.

Miss Christmann was taken into custody and questioned at this point.—AP.

**IKE REINSTATED
AS GENERAL**

Washington, Mar. 22. President Kennedy today signed into law an act reinstating former President Dwight Eisenhower as a General of the U.S. Army.

At the same time President Kennedy wrote to his predecessor saying the appointment reaffirmed "the affection and regard of our nation for you"—Reuters.

They said a Kennedy statement on the Laotian situation, scheduled to be made at a news conference tomorrow, would depend on the Russian reaction to a new American-backed British appeal to Mr Khrushchev. It calls for a neutral commission to bring about an end to the fighting there and lay the groundwork for a long-range solution to the tiny Asian kingdom's troubles.

The British appeal, which Western officials hesitated to call an ultimatum, was to be delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office early tomorrow by the Ambassador Sir Frank Roberts.

Briefing

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson said today following a high-level Congressional briefing that the United States will not "meekly permit" Laos to be gobbled up by the Communists.

The Congressional military and foreign policy leaders were given an hour-long briefing on the Laotian situation in Mr Johnson's office by the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Rusk and the Central Intelligence Agency director Mr Allen W. Dulles.

The Vice-President, in a formal statement read by an aide after the session, said he would not try to characterise the information received by the leaders. But he added:

"I think I can say, however, that this is a situation which must be viewed but not with alarm but with great seriousness."

"And I think it also should be known to the world that the United States, while it is going to be reasonable and prudent in all its moves, is not in a mood to meekly permit an independent nation to be gobbled up by an armed minority supported from the outside."

A British appeal in Moscow to co-operate in reconvening the 1954 three-power commission for Laos is imminent, London diplomatic sources said tonight.

The appeal is likely to be made tomorrow by the British Ambassador, Sir Frank Roberts.

Firmly worded
British sources said it would be firmly worded and would emphasise that the interest of Britain in the maintenance of the neutrality and independence of Laos must not be underrated.

Sir Frank's move in Moscow is likely to be accompanied by a written communication replying to that received from the Soviet Government on February 18.

Diplomatic sources said here that Britain was appealing urgently for the reconvening of the commission of India, Poland and Canada as a move to stop the increasing fighting in Laos.—UPI & Reuters.

**Hongkong on U.S.
TV programme**

New York, Mar. 22. Millions of Americans have had their third television look at Hongkong in recent months—and the reviews today were good.

Well-known American commentator David Brinkley narrated a programme over the National Broadcasting Co on Tuesday night, called "Our Man in Hongkong." Film star William Holden and television performer Jack Paar have done other recent Hongkong TV studies.

The New York Times called the programme "a graphic and fascinating study of the area."—AP.

**Dramatic scenes in
Commons during
apartheid debate**

London, Mar. 22. Two top Government leaders went before the House of Commons tonight to deliver Britain's most blistering assault yet on South Africa's race policies.

Prime Minister Macmillan leading the attack, flayed the Union's apartheid philosophy as "remote and indeed abhorrent to the ideals to which mankind is struggling in this country."

Commonwealth Relations Secretary Duncan Sandys, matching the vigour of Mr Macmillan's outburst, accused South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd of "deliberately trying to swim against the whole current of world thought."

"He is trying to put history in reverse," Mr Sandys declared. Mr Macmillan started the five-hour debate in the House of Commons on South Africa's decision to pull out of the Commonwealth when it becomes a Republic on May 31.

Forecast defied

Mr Sandys finished the debate on a note defying Dr Verwoerd's forecast that South Africa's withdrawal would mean the beginning of the end of the Commonwealth.

In between them came a succession of Labour and Conservative speakers—Labour mostly welcoming South Africa's departure, the Conservative largely regretting it.

Mr Macmillan's and Mr Sandys' speeches created dissonance in their own ranks.

As Mr Sandys spoke, one Conservative back-bencher, Lord Hinchinbrooke, gravely walked out of the House, eyed sadly by Mr Sandys who said: "It is as painful for me to say these things as it is painful for Lord Hinchinbrooke to listen to them."

Mr Sandys had used strong words. "Although there might be no precise definition of the principles for which the Commonwealth stood, there were certain things for which it clearly did not stand and which were incompatible with the whole spirit which inspired it," he declared.

**Zilliacus
suspended:
Brown
resigns**

London, Mar. 22. The Labour Party shed two Members of Parliament today in its bitter row over defence policies.

Leftist Konni Zilliacus was suspended from party membership for writing in Communist magazines. Right-wing member Alan G. Brown announced his resignation from the party to show his contempt for leftist Labour members who demand Britain disarm unilaterally.

Both Mr Brown and Mr Zilliacus will continue to sit in the House of Commons as independents. Five other leftists were expelled from the Labour caucus in Parliament last week in protest against Mr Hugh Gaitskell's leadership.—AP.

Kidnapped boy dead

Belleville Ont., Mar. 22. The 10-year-old son of a wealthy local dairyman kidnapped earlier this week was found dead today, police reported.—Reuters.

"One of these is the policy of apartheid as preached and practised in South Africa."

"Even while applying for continued Commonwealth membership, Mr Sandys said, the South African Government still refused to receive diplomatic representatives from any non-European members of the Commonwealth."

"This makes a mockery of consultation," Mr Sandys said acidly.

"In any case, we cannot accept, because of the colour of their skin, that certain members of the Commonwealth are to be treated as lepers."

By this refusal to have normal external relations with African and Asian countries, even when they are members of the Commonwealth family, South Africa has herself carried the principle of apartheid into the international sphere."

With South Africa gone, Mr Sandys insisted, the Commonwealth would be more united and not threatened with disintegration as Dr Verwoerd had predicted.

"Everywhere else outside South Africa," he went on, "the governments are trying progressively to eliminate racial discrimination between their citizens."

Elevated

"In South Africa discrimination and segregation have been elevated into a principle, an objective of policy, something to be proud of, an inspiring ideal."

Anyone who attacked the Commonwealth at statesmen's meeting in London earlier this month, Mr Sandys added, "must have felt that Dr Verwoerd was talking a totally different language from the rest of his colleagues."

The Conservative Prime Minister told a packed House that there were some who thought the Commonwealth would be gravely and even fatally injured by this blow but he did not share that view at all.

Common ideals

"There must be something else if they are going to regard the Commonwealth as worthwhile," Mr Gaitskell added. "That something else can only be common ideals and a feeling that the Commonwealth as a whole is something worthwhile."

The Prime Minister said that because of the wide implications of South Africa's racial policies for other Commonwealth members and the purely family tie would be enough for the new nations of Asia and Africa to remain in the Commonwealth.

He said: "Although it is an established convention with these meetings that we do not discuss the domestic affairs of a member country without the consent of that country, the Prime Minister of South Africa agreed that on this occasion the racial policy of the Union Government should be discussed."

In this he was sure that Dr Hendrik Verwoerd (South African Prime Minister) was right, Mr Macmillan added. The question had become more than a matter of domestic

**CARRIER'S
SUDDEN
DEPARTURE**

The U.S. aircraft-carrier, USS Midway, which arrived in Hongkong on Monday, left her berth off Green Island at 8.15 this morning for an unknown destination.

Leaving with the Midway were two destroyers. The carrier was scheduled to stay in port for a week.

Said the U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Commander C. L. Keeby, "If she left port at short notice, I don't know because I haven't seen any report on her this morning."

Asked if the Midway was heading for Laos, Commander Keeby replied: "There was no official information on the whereabouts or movements of the Midway."

He conceded that the Midway was to have "stayed a few more days."

**Sierra Leone
independence**

London, Mar. 22. The House of Commons today passed a Bill conferring independence to the British West African colony of Sierra Leone on April 27.

There was no vote. The Bill was passed through all its stages in one day, and now goes to the House of Lords.—Reuters.

No approval

"I have never concealed, nor do I wish now to conceal from the House or the country, that in my view there were very strong arguments, very good arguments for taking the course of allowing the application of South Africa, but at the same time expressing the strongest disapproval of her racial policies.—AP & Reuters.

Itch for knowledge

London, Mar. 22. Robert Knowles, an official of the Essex Field Club, today appealed for fens.

Mr Knowles said only 26 varieties of fens have been recorded in Britain and his club is itching to find out if there are any more.—UPI.

**Man and
machine
win
pools**

Oxford, Mar. 21. Oxfordshire poultry farmer Norman Green learned today that his national football pools entry on Saturday has won him a total of £37,986.

Mr Green, who is 35, lives in a cottage near here with four acres of land where he keeps 2,000 hens. He and his 30-year-old wife Irene are expecting twins in June. They already have a son, Paul, nearly two years old. Mr Green won with a stake of 3s 6d on a permutation.

"CEDRIC" TOO
In Manchester, "Cedric," an electronic computer, won a major dividend after three years of trying for a syndicate of 21 sport and stage stars.

"Cedric's" choice which was made through computations arrived at from soccer data fed him by pools forecaster Mr Alfred Oliver will yield £41,000 as a result of last weekend's games.

Each of the stars, who included singer David Whitfield, movie star Diana Dors and golfer Dai Rees will receive an estimated £1,500 each part of which they have pledged to charity.

"Cedric" through his keeper Mr Oliver, receives 20 per cent of the takings.—China Mail Special.

**HK JUNKS FOR
W. GERMANY**

Hamburg, Mar. 22. A Hamburg shipyard owner has started importing junks from Hongkong for weekend sailing enthusiasts.

Fittings in the 10-metre vessels include sails, auxiliary engine, four teak bunks and a refrigerator. Price: about HK\$50,500.—Reuters.

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CHINESE REMNANTS RE-ENTER BURMA

Rangoon, Mar. 22. About 400 Nationalist Chinese remnants, supposed to be evacuated from north Thailand, have re-entered Burma, unofficial reports reaching here today said.

The reports were indicative of the growing scepticism about the evacuation scheme, which Taipei officially reported as "going on smoothly" in the Thai-Burma border area.

A Burmese military source said that Burma had no observers at the Chiang Mai airport (northwest Thailand) to check the exact number of Kuomintang remnants actually airlifted from there to Formosa. The source added that Burma was only supposed to be informed through its embassy in Bangkok of the result of the evacuation scheme once it was completed.

OPERATION
Meanwhile, a reliable unofficial source in Keng Tung state (east Burma) disclosed today that the 400 remnants who had returned were part of 2,000 Kuomintang guerrillas who had been taken down from the Thai-Burma border area to be airlifted to Taipei.

The returning remnants had reportedly re-entered Burma north of Chiang Mai and were now said to be roaming around the Burmese village of Ole Mong Hla.

It was also learned that the Burmese army was about to launch a wide-scale operation against some 600 Nationalist Chinese remnants who have joined with the Shan rebels in Lashio district in the northern Shan state.—AP.

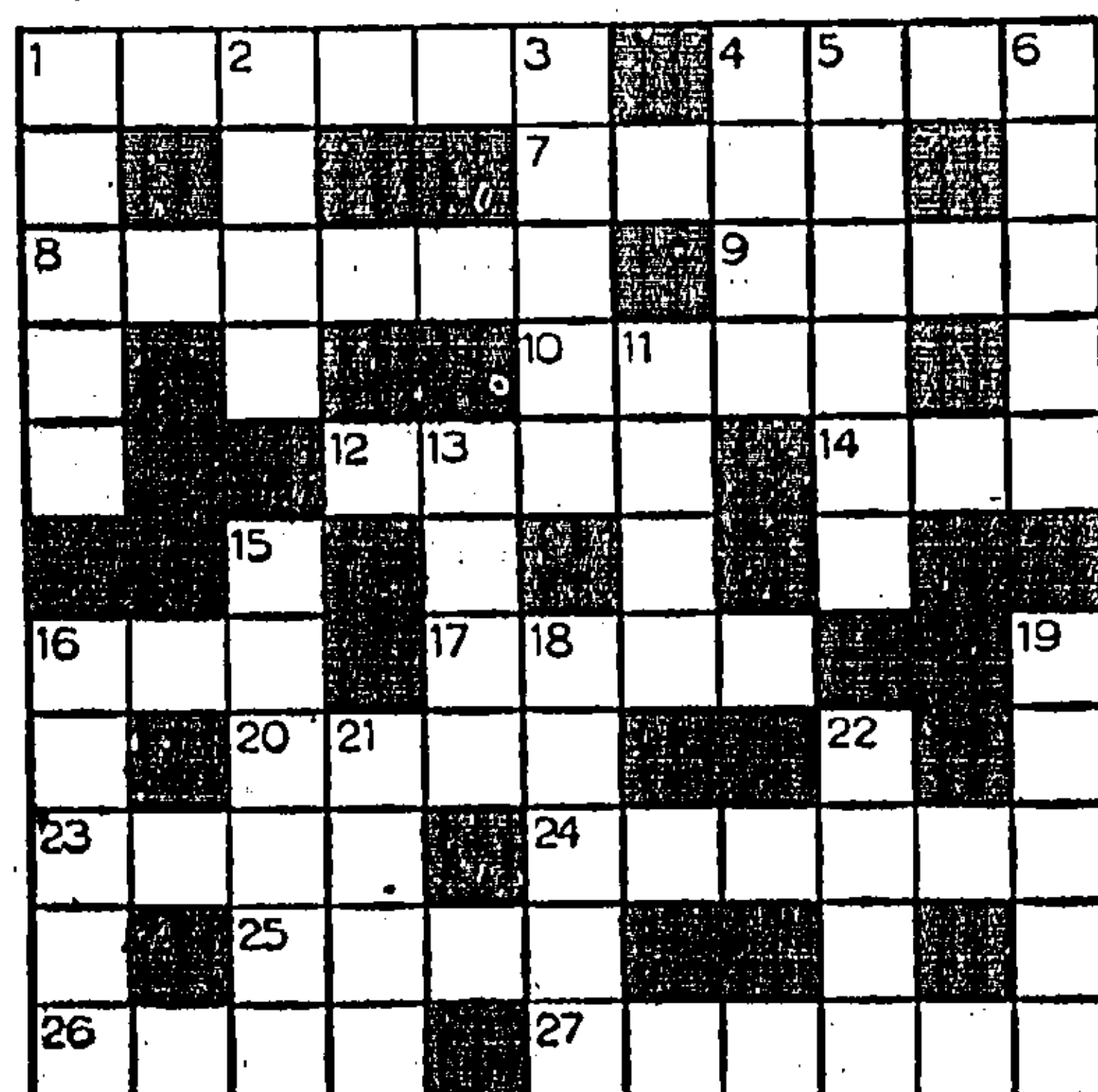
Commander in Pacific

Washington, Mar. 22. President Kennedy today named Maj. Gen. Alan Shapley to be Marine Corps Fleet Commander in the Pacific.

Shapley, who will succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas A. Wornham who retired on April 1, is at present Commanding General of the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, California.

Mr. Kennedy asked the Senate to confirm the promotion of Shapley to lieutenant general. He recommended that Wornham be placed on the retired list in his present rank.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Vessels.
4 Northern.
7 Jetty.
8 Country.
9 Flower.
10 Honda.
12 Run away.
14 Head movement.
16 Herb.
17 Confederate.
20 Girl.
23 Call.
24 Of sight.
25 Wheel part.
26 Custom.
27 Desolate.

DOWN
1 Supports.
2 Band.
3 Room.
4 Whithered.
5 Old coins.
6 River.
11 True.
13 It's borrowed.
15 Sailor.
16 Renowned.
18 Smooth.
19 Malley.
21 Beside.
22 Heal.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 1 Calls, 4 Creed, 7 Out, 8 Master, 11 View, 12 Run, 13 Spinach, 15 Itinerary, 16 Sea, 19 Nod, 20 Mallet, 22 She, 24 Stead, 25 Added. Down: 1 Comprehends, 2 Lot, 3 Sue, 5 Erlen, 6 Downhearted, 8 Trip, 10 Bin, 13 BOS, 14 Ivy, 16 Agate, 17 Arms, 18 Sol, 21 Ahn, 22 Lqd.

Rumbling volcano strikes fear

Djakarta, Mar. 22. A rumbling smoking volcano on the idyllic Indonesian island of Flores has struck fear into residents there following days of earthquakes, reports reaching Djakarta said today.

Eblulobu volcano began smoking on March 18 accompanied by "terrible earthquakes" which demolished Ende, capital of Flores, the reports said.

Black smoke from the crater has formed a huge umbrella over the volcano and the island's population fear an eruption may follow.

EVACUATION
Local authorities and the military have ordered evacuation of villages, the reports said.

Read communications between Ende and other towns which have been cut by earthquakes which are still continuing. The government has ordered aid for earthquake victims on this east Indonesian island where the Dutch sent President Sukarno into exile.

The authorities have requested the American hospital ship Hope to give assistance at Ende. The Hope has been operating at Indonesian Tanor, south of Flores.

The damage and casualties at Ende are not yet known.—AP.

BEDSTEADS IN THE AFTON

Ayr, Mar. 22. The sweet Afton made famous by Bobbie Burns is no longer sweet—in fact it smells.

And it no longer flows gently, as related by Scotland's bard, because it is full of rusty old bedsteads, mouldy mattresses, decaying fruit and assorted other junk.

Noting this, the District Council recommended on Wednesday that the police set up night patrols to trap vandals who dump garbage into the renowned river.

Meanwhile, the city's Boy Scout organisation volunteered to clean up the mess, so that, as in Burns' time, it will once more be a case of "flow gently, sweet Afton.—AP.

Facilities open to criticism

London, Mar. 22. The National Executive of Britain's Labour Party decided today that the facilities given to Polish-carrying American submarines in Scotland were less objectionable than the Thor missile bases—but were still open to criticism.

This decision was disclosed tonight in a letter to Mr. William Marshall, Secretary of Labour Parties, which had sought advice on the Polish establishment in Holy Loch.—Reuter.

Behan lands in jail after argument with hotel staff

Toronto, Mar. 22. An argument over a bottle landed Brendan Behan in jail today. The Irish playwright is in Toronto as master of ceremonies with a jazz production called "Impulse."

After last night's ceremony turned up in a hotel saloon. A trio was playing for the customers. Behan turned into a quartet, and drew boos.

Later at the Royal York hotel, billed as the biggest in the British Commonwealth, Behan ran about of Ontario liquor laws. He wanted a bottle brought to his room. That just isn't done under Ontario regulations, which have won the criticism of such celebrities as Prince Philip and the late Sir Thomas Borchgrevink.

BLACK EYE

John Matthews, hotel security officer, emerged with a black eye.

Detective Edward Travelyn arrived with some colleagues and found Behan churning along a seventh floor corridor "like a wild bull" with one shoe missing.

HARRIMAN DEFENDS U.S. VOTE ON ANGOLA

New Delhi, Mar. 22. Mr. Averell Harriman, President Kennedy's roving ambassador, said today he was glad the United States had voted for the United Nations debate on (Portuguese) Angola.

"It is quite clear from the Congo that the situation in Angola will be the subject of a good deal of difficulty, unless the Portuguese take steps to protect the territory for self-determination," he told the Indian Bureau of Parliamentary Studies.

On Enos, he said the United States hoped for the development of a neutral Laos where the people could go forward but not as pawns of an international conflict.

U.S. ECONOMY

On United States economy, Mr. Harriman said no one need doubt the position of the dollar, the United States could easily end the imbalance by reducing trade and economic aid, but Mr. Kennedy had chosen "the other way—to do it together."

He was satisfied the gap could be closed with the operation of the European industrial countries and by restrictions such as enforcement of "buy American" procedures instead of United States loans.

He said the United States looked forward to "close relations with India in common objectives."—Reuter.

Portuguese plane hit in Angola

Lisbon, Mar. 22. The Portuguese news agency Lusitania said today a Portuguese military plane which flew over bands of terrorists involved in the recent attacks in northern Angola, has been hit by automatic gunfire, probably from a machinegun.

Lusitania said the terrorists groups were being surrounded in two forest areas.

The Portuguese news agency Ant reported today that three attacks died in Luanda today and another died in Maquela Do Zombo.

About 3,500 refugees have arrived in Luanda from the areas where the attacks took place, but the flow is decreasing as the situation in northern Angola returns to normal.

Police and military garrisons have been reinforced and most local farmers are armed, Lusitania said.—Reuter.

Mother killed

Everett, Wash., Mar. 22. A 12-year-old boy, given permission by his mother to park the family car, couldn't find the brake, ran her down and killed her.

Mrs. Emma L. Moore, 34, a divorcee, was standing in front of the automobile directing her son, Jimmy, when she was pinned against a wall and crushed to death.—AP.

Indians riot in protest against high taxes

Chandigarh, India, Mar. 22. Several thousand demonstrators, protesting against high taxes, broke through police barricades and defied tear gas and baton charges here today to storm into the Punjab State Government Secretariat's compound.

Shouting demonstrators carried banners and a portrait of the late Patrice Lumumba and chanted slogans against the Punjab government. Later they held a meeting outside the main entrance.

Police turbans were torn off during the scuffle and several demonstrators had their clothes ripped.

A Communist member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly was among those arrested.—Reuter.

Jailed for possessing secret U.S. documents

Alexandria, Va., Mar. 22. Arthur Rogers Roddey, former American Defence Department mathematician, was sentenced today to serve eight years in prison for unauthorized possession of a secret defence document.

Roddey, 38, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on February 17 to that one charge in a 12-count indictment growing out of the discovery of numerous Pentagon papers in his home at Falls Church, Virginia. He had worked for a private contractor in defence headquarters until last August.

NOT ESPIONAGE

Early in the case the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was not an espionage matter, and there never was any suggestion that Roddey was working for a foreign power.

The charge carried a maximum penalty of 10 years and a fine of \$10,000. Roddey testified he was greatly concerned over the papers to prepare a report he hoped would show that scientific studies at the Pentagon were "watered down" to avoid bigger defence spending or to favour one military service over another.—AP.

Losses on warships

London, Mar. 22.

A British cruiser and two destroyers were scrapped while actually undergoing modernisation, through lack of labour, with a resulting loss of millions of pounds sterling, a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General revealed today.

The report revealed that there had been a series of orders and counter orders as well as the manpower shortage, and the loss on the cruiser—the Swiftsure—was £1,303,216.

At the same period, 1957 to 1959, work costing nearly £500,000 was done on the two destroyers which were ultimately scrapped before their refitting was completed.

The cost of modernising the cruiser Belfast, estimated in November 1956 at £4 million amounted in the end to £5,555,000.—AP.

TRAGEDY

Panama, Mar. 22. A pleasure trip in a 20-foot boat turned into tragedy today for four men from the island of Aruba.

One of the men died of exposure and the three others were in a hospital after being carried for 10 days when their boat became disabled.

They were picked up late last night by the United Fruit Company ship Yaque 6 1/2 hours out of Cienfuegos harbour, Cuba. Zone.—AP.

France lowers customs duties by 5 per cent

Paris, Mar. 22. The French government today announced it would lower all customs duties by five per cent from April.

An official communique after a Cabinet meeting said the move was being made in anticipation of the Common Market ten per cent tariff reduction.

But it would apply to all countries, provided that the new duties were not lower than the common external customs tariff of the European Economic Community.

TEXTILES

For textiles the ten per cent cut will come into effect on April 1. The same reduction will apply to cars imported from other Common Market nations from that date.

The French government said the cuts were designed to check the upward price trend in France while remaining import restrictions were being removed, because of the end of price restrictions imposed up to now on a number of domestic products.

The government hopes that manufacturers will respond by becoming "more attentive to the necessity of being competitive."—Reuter.

Fireman's death

London, Mar. 22. Fireman Albert Hunt of Redhill, Surrey, fell 50ft. to his death, the other day in a fireman's escape competition at Brixton.

Hunt, and Fireman Patrick Maloney, who was seriously hurt, were using each other as the "unconscious" body" in races down a ladder. London Express Service.

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Well-educated Chinese girls, 18 years of age and over, who wish to become State Registered Nurses are invited to apply for enrolment as Student Nurses. Training period 3 years, includes first 11 weeks in Preliminary Training School. Study day system in force. Lectures by Senior Medical Staff and Nursing Tutorial Staff. Practical experience on busy wards. Hospital situated in pleasant surroundings. Modern Nurses' Home. All students have their own room. Training allowances £285—£320 a year, £128 for board and lodging, 4 weeks' paid annual holiday. Free uniforms. Candidates responsible for paying own passage. Apply for further details to the Matron, Noble's Isle of Man Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Boys vanish into cupboard

All-night hunt after door slams and traps them

London, Mar. 21.
Two little boys were found the other day locked in a cupboard 22 inches square and 4 feet high. They had been in the cupboard all night.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at its Registered Office, Telephone House, Hong Kong on Friday, the 24th day of March, 1961 at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit of passing, the following resolution as a special resolution:—

"That the Articles of Association contained in the printed document submitted to this meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles of Association of the Company."

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.
Hong Kong,
Dated this 27th day of Feb., 1961.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at its Registered Office, Telephone House, Hong Kong on Friday, 24th March, 1961, as soon as the Extraordinary General Meeting called for 12.30 p.m. on the same day is concluded, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1960, to elect a Director and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1961, to 24th March, 1961, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1961.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"MENESTHEUS"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Wood & Browne at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on March 24 and 25, 1961, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hong Kong, March 22, 1961.

Kevin Dooley, aged four, of St John's-close, Luton, vanished with five-year-old Michael Robinson, of Rotherham-avenue, when they went out to play. They were exploring a partly built shop in Whipperry Lane and went into the little cupboard. Suddenly the self-locking door slammed shut and they were trapped.

Police searched all through the night for them. At eight o'clock next morning a policeman looked in the cupboard. There, huddled together, he found the two sleepy little boys.

He took them home to their distraught parents. Mrs Joan Dooley said: "Kevin didn't tell us what happened. All he asked for was some bread and jam. 'We put him to bed, but he did not sleep, so they must have had a good night in the cupboard.'"

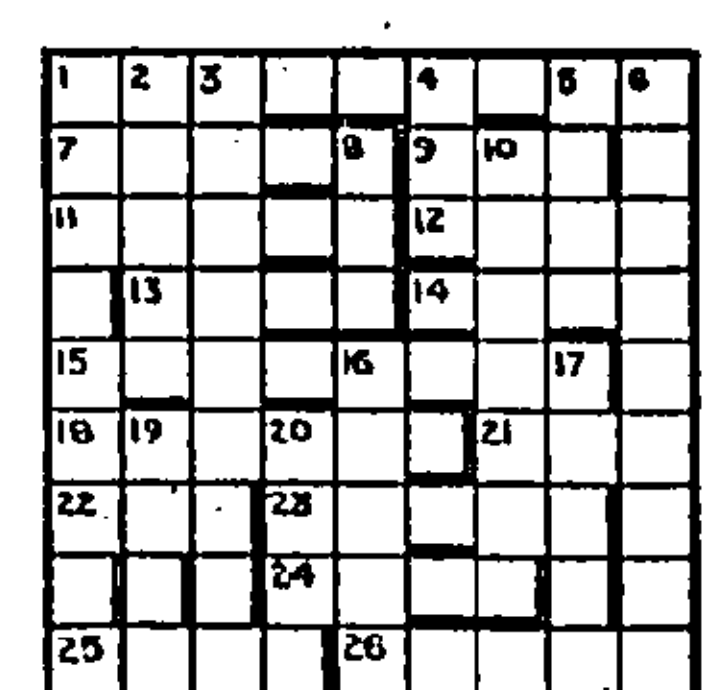
FELL ASLEEP

Michael told his mother, 31-year-old Mrs Jacqueline Robinson, that they shouted after the door slammed, then fell asleep. One thing the mothers have decided on Kevin and Michael must not be allowed to play together again.

Mrs Robinson said: "This is the second time they have been missing together. Last year they were lost for hours after they wandered on the M1. I am so upset that I dare not let Michael out of my sight again."

"My husband searched the area all night with the police, and I smoked my way through 50 cigarettes, helpless to do anything." — London Express Service.

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CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

STAR HOTEL: Lou Vito & his band; GIANDEL LOU: Sally Contreras at the piano.
CARLTON: Ben Costa and his Combo, featuring the versatile Vic Christal.
BLUES HEAVEN & HIGHBALL: Hanko, Japanese dancer and singer and Boogy.
PRINCESS GARDEN: Princess Amina, Egyptian belly dancer, and the Four Britons.
SUN YA: The Four Britons.
METROPOLITAN: Vocalist Miss Lu, Vi Minda, Mista Ray, and his band.
RADIO HONGKONG (FM—100.0, AM—370.0, 800.0)
12.15 pm, Midday Prayers—Rev. Father J. 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PARIS NEWS LETTER by SAM WHITE

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE FLAMBOYANT M. POUILLON...

ONE of Paris's best-known architects is in custody on charges involving the embezzlement of more than HK\$16,000,000.

He is the astonishing 48-year-old M. Fernand Pouillon, whose life was as flamboyant as his architecture which has become a feature of the landscape of present-day Paris, Marseilles and Algiers.

Pouillon, tall and thin and with a long hawk nose, under which an Adam's apple bobs like a ping-pong ball, is one of the best-known social figures in Paris of this decade.

A FORTUNE

His parties, which always mark the completion of his latest architectural success, were famous and the setting for them was fabulous. They were given in his vast thirteenth-century mansion, which he had restored opposite Notre Dame.

It contains two courtyards, one bordered by a cloister, and the other flanked by two magnificent staircases.

Both courtyards were heated for the benefit of the lush plants growing there.

In 10 years Pouillon had amassed a fortune which enabled him in addition to his Paris house to maintain two chateaux, one in Normandy, the other in the South of France, a yacht and a fleet of expensive foreign cars.

His white Rolls-Royce with its Negro chauffeur was a well-known sight in Paris West End.

His first major architectural task was the reconstruction of the old port in Marseilles destroyed by the Germans during the war.

A Left Winger then, he became friendly with the then liberal mayor of Algiers, Jacques Chevalier, and was entrusted the building of two new suburbs of the city.

The result was a brilliantly executed series of blocks of flats which is one of the glories of the French Administration of Algiers.

TACTFULLY

He then moved to Teheran where the Shah commissioned some work from him. His friendship with a member of the Shah's family, however, aroused displeasure and the French Embassy, after sending harassed reports on the situation, was instructed tactfully to tell him to return to Paris.

The charges arise from a project to build 2,500 flats on the banks of the Seine, most of which were sold even before work started in 1957.

Now still only half-completed, work has stopped because there is no money left to pay the contractors.

Despite the parlous financial state of the company however, money was always found to pay the salaries of some of the directors, many of whom are pillars of respectability, and also to make a payment of HK\$400,000 towards financing a political journal.

The greatest

THE forger arrested recently for faking Van Goghs, Braques and Bernard Buffets is proving a difficult problem for the police.

He claims to be His Royal Highness Prince Jorge Carlos de Bourbon y Conono, Duke of Santiago and Compostelle.

He is extremely self-assured and has told police, "The greatest painter of Spain today is not Picasso or Dalí—it's me. I am a Goya of the 20th century."

For the benefit of the police he can polish off a Bufile-style sketch in 20 minutes.

Coincidence

SOME minor mysteries continue to plague the case of last year's kidnapping of five-year-old Eric Peugeot, son of the heir to the Peugeot motor car fortune.

Recently police arrested in the winter sports resort of Megeve, the two men who carried out the kidnapping.

The astonishing coincidence, however is that they should have been in Megeve at the same time as M. Peugeot, his attractive young wife Colette and young Eric.

It seems incredible that in a small resort town like Megeve they should have risked being recognised by Eric.

AUDACIOUS

But it seems now that the risk was even greater because M. Peugeot recognised the man to whom he gave the ransom money when he was confronted with him.

Yet the man had been audacious enough to risk recognition by dining on several occasions at the same restaurant as M. Peugeot.

Speculation on the case has now reached such a stage that M. Peugeot has issued the following curiously worded statement to the French Press regarding the kidnapper who received the money, Raymond Rolland, alias Raymond de Beaufort.

The statement reads: "I can affirm that my wife has never known Raymond Rolland. It is the kind of thing one would know and I would have known it in any case, friends of my wife would have known."

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WHAT WAS THIS ASTONISHING SAINT CALLED GANDHI REALLY LIKE?

SOON, in cinemas all over the Commonwealth, audiences will be gazing at the full-length film of the most exotic journey ever made by a British Queen.

The elephants encrusted with jewels and gold; the gay parades crunching across thick carpets of strewn marigolds—DeMille himself never had such sequences.

Yet there is one scene in particular that I recommend to those who are interested in the strange and illogical world of books.

Watch closely for the moment when, at the entrance to a shrine, a kind of cloud of awe and tension descends over the royal party. Reverently they slip off their shoes and put on special red velvet sandals. A blushing British equestrian carrying a huge wreath of 400 white roses, struggles with his long cavalry-type boots.

Having failed to wrench them off, he tries to slip his velvet sandals over the booted feet. But this, it is decided would be sacrilege indeed. The forlorn equestrian has to hand over the wreath and wait outside the shrine alone.

CREMATED

Whose shrine is it? From the reverence on each face it is easy enough to guess. It is Gandhi. This is the spot where the Mahatma's body was cremated.

And, of course, the royal visitors were right to be solemn. Not only in India but throughout the world, Gandhi is revered as perhaps the only authentic saint of our times.

But what exactly was this amazing saint like? At the shrine the Queen was handed two of Gandhi's books—one being entitled *Non-violence and Peace*. She was also given an illustrated biography of Gandhi. It is certain, however, that she would not get a complete answer from those books or, for that matter, from any others. For, to my knowledge, there is no book in existence which tells the full Gandhi story.

That is why I turn aside from my usual practice. Usually I write about the books which are just about to be published. Today I discuss a book which has not even been written, and does not seem likely to be written—*The Truth About Mahatma Gandhi*.

You know, of course, the conventional picture of Gandhi. It is presented by the school textbooks and by the B.B.C. It has been accepted without question by almost everyone except perhaps Winston Churchill.

This picture shows a simple little man in a loincloth who had a Christ-like love for his fellow men. A holy man, this picture tells us. Indeed, more than just holy, progressive—a man who brought the Hindu religion into line with Mr. Fenner Brockway and the New Statesman by insisting that India's untouchables must become touchable.

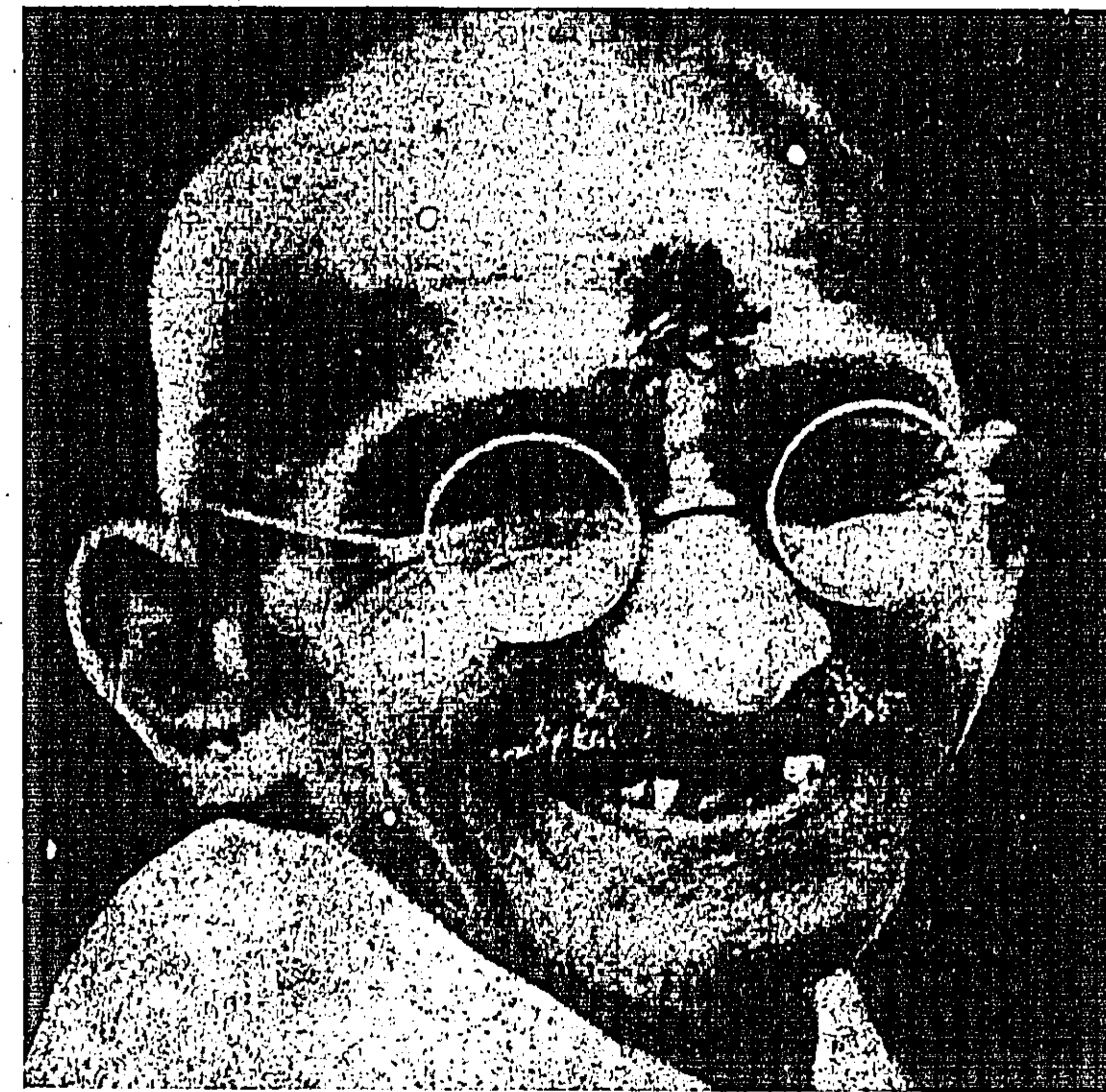
EVIDENCE

Yet is the picture an exact likeness of the man who swept the British out of India?

During the Queen's visit I turned to a book which was published several weeks before she set out—*THE LOTUS AND THE ROBOT*, by Arthur Koestler (Hutchinson 25s.).

It devotes only a few paragraphs to Gandhi, but I have been startled by what those paragraphs tell us.

First let me stress the importance of evidence from Koestler. Remember that this



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philosophical, ex-Communist has a seal of approval from all the most dedicated progressive circles. If Gandhi is a saint, Koestler has his own small halo in off-pink.

What is more, Koestler's writings have been vastly popular in new India. That is why he recently spent over a year there in the hope that Indian religion and Indian thought might solve the problems of the West.

CENSORED

The Lotus and the Robot tells how that hope was shattered.

Koestler found that the beliefs and aims of the yoris had been presented to the West in a carefully sweetened and censored version. In practice, they were often stupid, repellent, and depraved. Looking for serenity and wisdom among the Hindus, Koestler often found harsh narrow-mindedness and sexual neurosis instead.

Which brings me to Mahatma Gandhi. Were you aware that, when Gandhi's wife lay dying of a lung infection, he refused to allow doctors to save her with penicillin injections? I certainly did not know this until I read Koestler's book. Gandhi's reason, according to Koestler, was that injections were against the rules of strict Hindu religion.

Koestler acknowledges that Gandhi was a saint—but a saint of a rather special kind. Koestler writes:—

"Although all India called him *Bapu*, which means father, and although he was the epitome of kindness, he treated his two eldest sons abominably."

First, Gandhi would not allow them any form of education because he wanted to mould them in his own image. When at 40, Gandhi decided to renounce sex for ever, he expected his sons to do the same.

One of them, Manilal, did his best—but when, at the age of 23, he was seduced by a married woman, Gandhi made a public scandal of it, fasting to remove the shame, and declaring that he would never allow Manilal to marry.

IN EXILE

Not until Manilal was 35 did his father finally give permission. By this time he had already been banished from his father's ashram, settling in for helping his brother, Harilal, who was in even worse disgrace.

Koestler quotes Manilal himself who said:— "Father did not send me away completely empty-handed. He gave me just sufficient money for my train-fare and a little extra... I had to live away from him in exile, in South Africa."

And Harilal? He went to pieces after being disowned by Gandhi for marrying against his wishes. When he was involved in a business scandal Gandhi attacked him in an open letter to a newspaper.

Gandhi explained to the readers: "I do indeed happen to be the father of Harilal M. Gandhi. Could I have influenced him he would have been associated with me in my general public activities. ... Men may be good, not necessarily their children."

Koestler adds: "Harilal, an alcoholic wreck, died in 1948 in a Bombay hospital."

OBSESSED

Gandhi's attitude to marriage may seem odd to his admirers in the West. Somehow or other his name is mixed up with all kinds of fashionable "liberal" notions.

If he had still been alive, one would almost have expected him to appear in his loin cloth at the Old Bailey to give evidence for Lady Chatterley. As Koestler shows, Gandhi was, in fact, obsessed with almost insanely repressive feelings about sex. The crisis hour in his life came, not with some encounter with the British, but when, as a young man, he and his wife lived in his sick father's house.

Once, for a moment, he gave over the task of managing his father's feet in order to visit his wife's bedroom. While he was there, his father died. Gandhi wrote later:—

chastity. Even milk he banned observing: "I have not the least doubt that milk diet makes the brainacharya (chastity) more difficult to observe."

Koestler writes: "Tolerance was Gandhi's guiding star and the main source of his magic charm. He was tolerant of every human failing, but not of the love between man and woman. That love he hated. He could never forgive God for his mistake that 'male and female He created them.'"

The effect on Gandhi was not attractive. It delighted him to break up a marriage by persuading the wife to take a vow of chastity and join him in religious contemplation in his ashram.

Even more strangely, up to the end of his life, he insisted that young girls should share his mat at night to prove, so Koestler reveals, "that he was immune against the temptations of carnal lust."

Thus, surrounded by temptresses, he would make his journey across India. To show his kinship with the poor he always travelled third class—except that his third class carriage had air-conditioning installed and was reserved for him alone.

HUSHED UP

Why is it that these things about Gandhi are so little known?

Koestler writes: "This significant chapter in Gandhi's life is common knowledge among those who were close to him, but has been carefully hushed up in India."

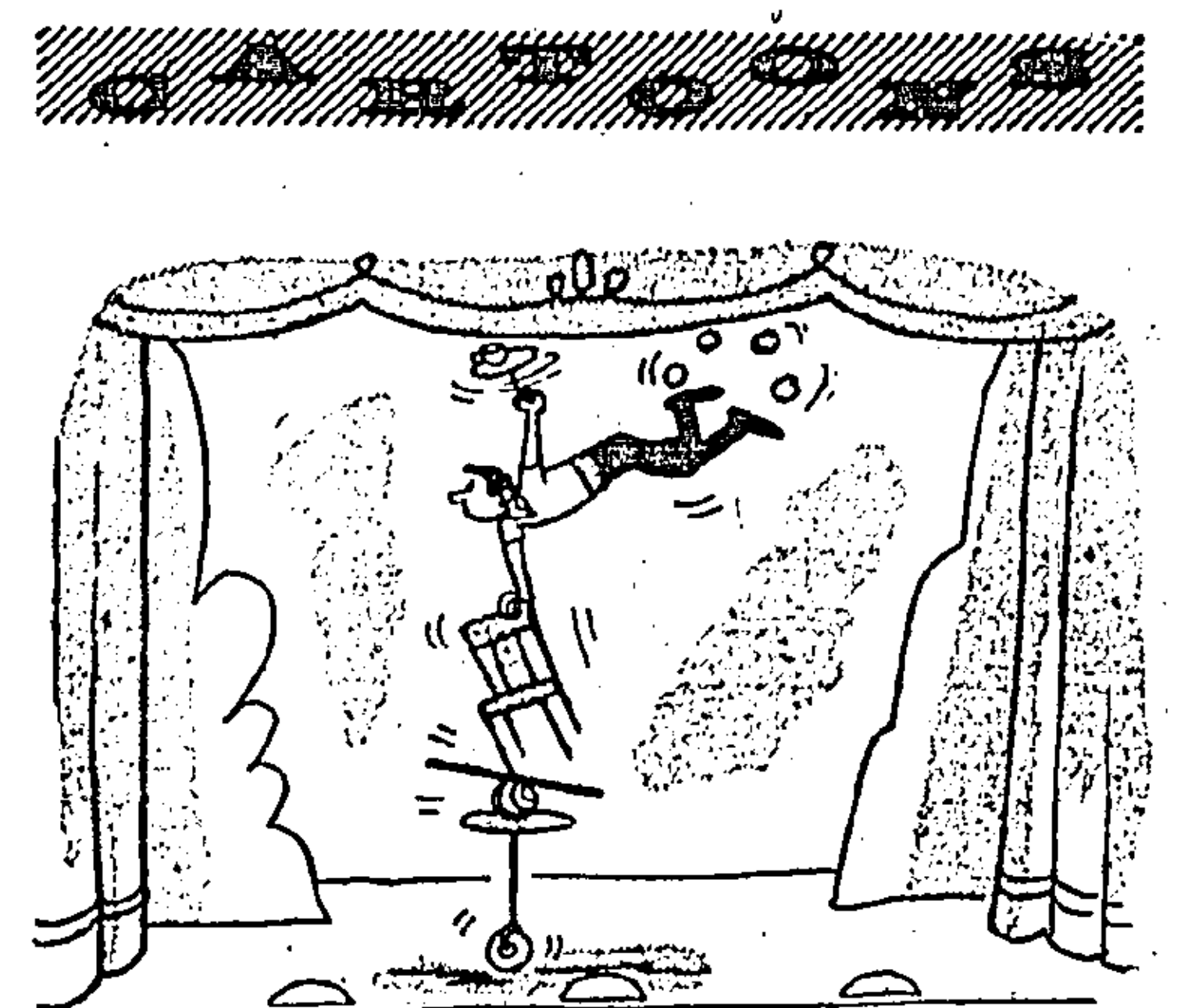
"It was described in *My Days with Gandhi* by Nirmal Kumar Bose. Bose was one of the most distinguished scholars of India, who for a while acted as Gandhi's secretary as a kind of public service, and resigned his post on the grounds that he disapproved of Gandhi's experiments with young girls."

The Gandhians were so thorough in effacing every trace of the scandal that Bose's life is unobtainable not only in India, but also at the British Museum.

What would a true life of Gandhi be like? I believe that, although it might scrape some lustre off the image of the saint, it would serve to bring alive one of the most amazing contradictory and powerful human beings in history.

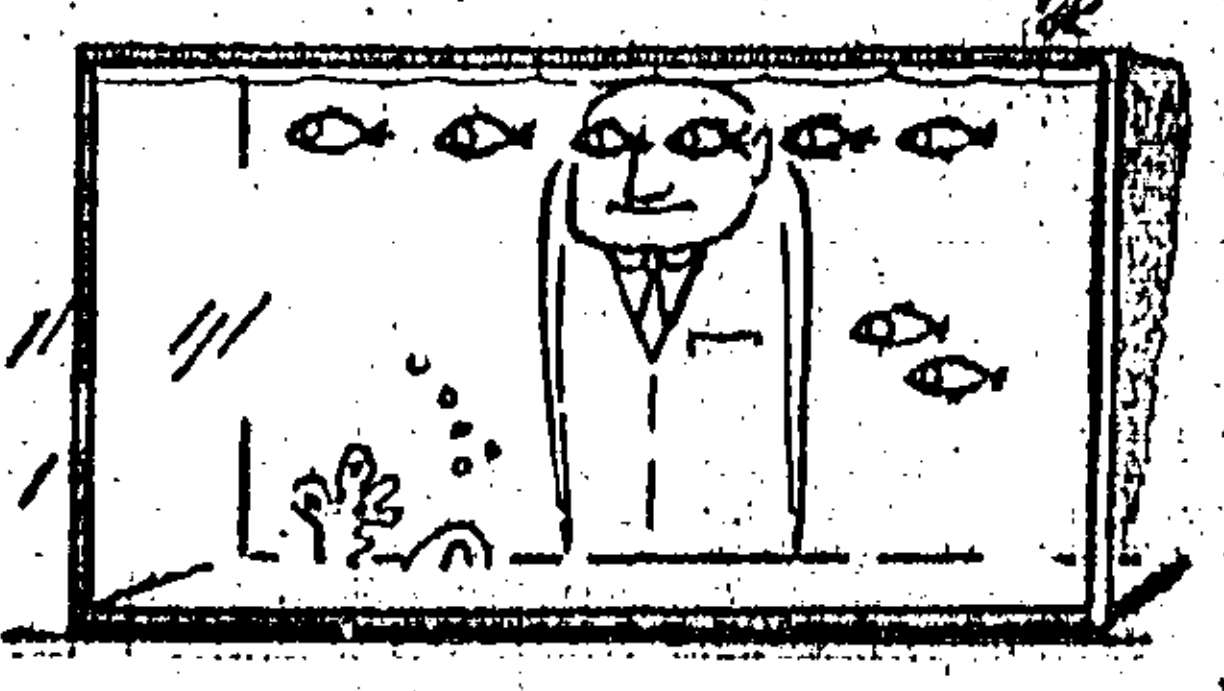
Unfortunately, to judge from the intellectual climate in India today, it would be as difficult to write as a candid life of Stalin in Russia in the 'forties.

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John's Court wins the Lincoln

APPRENTICE JOCKEY BRIAN LEE TAKES 25-1 CHANCE TO EASY VICTORY DESPITE BAD DRAW

Lincoln, Mar. 22.

John's Court, a grey six-year-old won the Lincolnshire Handicap, first big handicap of the 1961 flat-racing season, at odds of 25-1 here this afternoon.

Honeycomb Rock was second at 33-1 and Honey-moor third at 20-1. The favourite was Fulshaw Cross at 7-1.

Little apprentice Brian Lee brought John's Court through the huge field of 37 runners with two furlongs to go and striding out beautifully, won comfortably by three lengths. He drew a bad Number 10 position near the rails. Only four horses with such a low number have ever been placed since the war over this tricky mile.

Totipotator returns to 4s were: John's Court £15 15s, places: John's Court £15 15s, Honeycomb Rock £22 14s 2d, Honey-moor £1 14s.

Honeycomb Rock, whose trainer Arthur Stephenson is hoping to win the Grand National on Saturday with O'Malley Point, was well drawn in 20th place. Ridden by the Scottish jockey Norman Macin-

toch, this lightly weighed six-year-old just beat the heavily backed four-year-old Honey-moor by three-quarters of a length for second place.

Ridden by Douglas Smith Honey-moor made great progress in the last furlong but his weight and the bad draw prevented him catching the leader.

Accident

Saint Elmo, a 40-1 112-lb. weight, finished fourth of the 37 runners.

There was an accident two furlongs from the finish but it did not in any way affect the result, as those coming down the American-owned Small Slam and Penates were well behind the leaders at the time.

K. Temple-Nidd, the rider of Penates, was seen on his feet but royal jockey Harry Carr fell more heavily, breaking a collarbone, and was brought back in an ambulance.

The going was firm and a large crowd watched the racing in cold sunny weather.

Britain's top bookies let out a huge sigh of relief after this race. Traditionally British bookies try to couple the winners of the Lincolnshire and the Grand National in "Spring Doubles."

Last year the bookies took a beating as Mustavon won the Lincolnshire and Merryman went on to win the Grand National. Thousands coupled the two in big bets.

This time few people have John's Court lined up with any of the fancied runners in Saturday's Grand National.—Reuter & AP.

World bantamweight challenger Rollo has a poor guard!

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 22.

Boxing experts report that world bantamweight contender Piero Rollo of Italy seems to have one bad weak point—a poor guard.

They say he might leave himself open for a fast upcut from world champion Edor Jofre of Brazil in their world title fight on Saturday. Experts watching Rollo spar at an Army gymnasium here said his guard doesn't look as though it could stop a quick upcut.

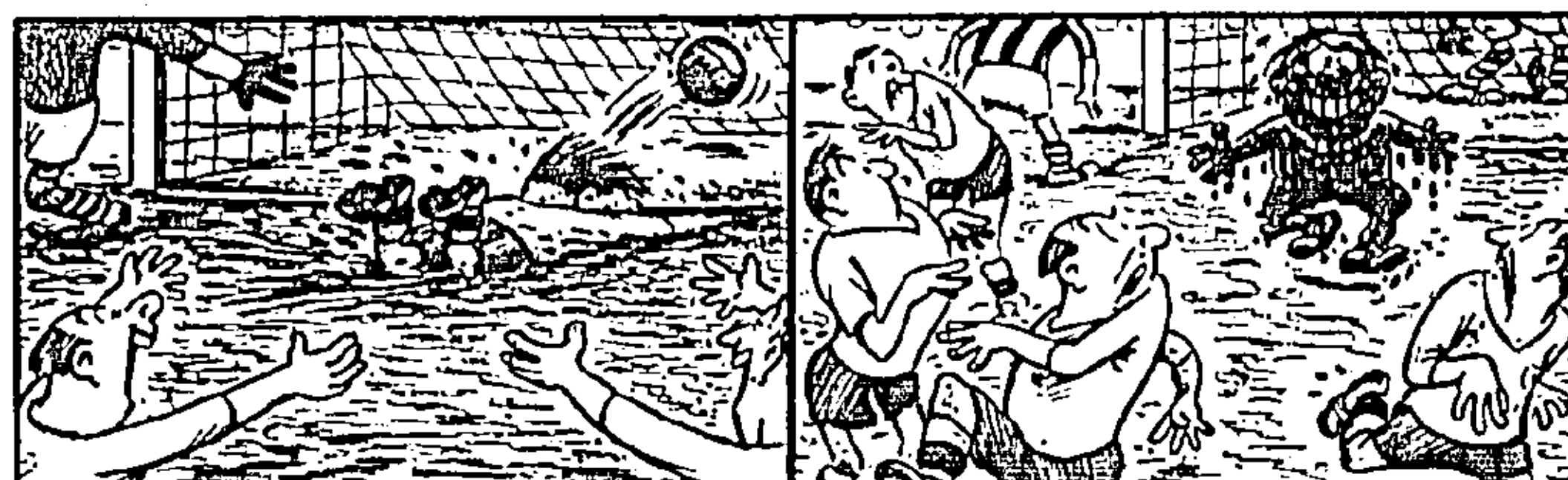
"He leaves himself open from below," said one boxing observer. "He's good on the footwork and pretty fast but he keeps his guard too far away from his body. He'll have to cover himself a little better or Jofre's going to connect." Rollo also showed signs of tiring under the 98.6-degree

heat, plus a heavy social schedule of receptions and television appearances. He has been rising early to get in his roadwork along Copacabana Beach. He rests in the afternoon and works out in the gymnasium late in the afternoon.

Jofre, meanwhile, got down to the bantamweight limit of 117 pounds. He had been up to 119 but took off the excess weight by sitting in a heavy sweater in his steaming hotel room several hours each afternoon.

In his workouts, the champion seems smooth and demonstrates a powerful punch with either left or right.—AP.

SPORTING SAM by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service.

Low Hoad has fractured foot

London, Mar. 22. Low Hoad, Australian professional lawn tennis player, was told by a specialist today that he has a fractured left foot.

Hoad made immediate arrangements to fly to Australia on the first available plane on March 21, and plans to rest for at least a month.

Hoad, twice Wimbledon singles champion, missed recent matches in the European section of the world professional series after hurting his foot in Paris on March 4.

Hoad was due to play here on March 24 and 25. His place in the series, in which he has won 15 matches and lost 17, will be taken by American Tony Trabert.—Reuter.

West Indian Test players arrive in London

London, Mar. 22. Six West Indies cricketers, who have been playing in Australia, landed at Tilbury today from the liner Strathmore. They are here for a League cricket in Lancashire.

Conrad Hunte, who will play for Enfield, said he thought England would have a "slight advantage" when it meets Australia this summer, because the series was to be played in England. Having faced both England and Australia Hunte said much would depend upon whether the younger Australian players could adapt themselves to English conditions.

Other players arriving here today were: Rohan Kanhai (Blackpool), Garfield Sobers (Radcliffe), Seymour Nurse (Ramsbottom), Chester Watson (Church) and Wesley Hall (Accrington).—AP.

Yale tennis star dies

Fayetteville, Mar. 22.

Yale tennis star Sidney B. Wood, III, 22, died here early today, five days after he was injured in a car accident that claimed the life of the team captain and injured another player.

Wood, son of the former international tennis star, had been in critical condition since the accident on Saturday when the car in which the three were riding plunged over an embankment of Interstate Highway 95 two miles north of here.

Wood suffered a concussion, severe lacerations of the face, a fractured thigh and severe shock following the accident.

Wood's father won the men's singles championship at Wimbledon in 1931 and was defeated in the final of Forest Hills in 1935. Young Wood was the No. 1 player on the Yale team.

Killed in the accident was T. Craig Joyner, the team captain.—AP.

Stanley Cup ice hockey

Montreal, Mar. 22.

The Montreal Canadiens roared to life with four goals in the third period tonight to defeat Chicago Black Hawks 6-2 and take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-seven semi-final series for the Stanley Cup.

The hard-hitting game sent one Montrealer to the hospital, with a possible concussion, and two others to the forum clinic for treatment.

The second game of the best-of-seven series will be played here on Thursday.—AP.

Dutchman leads in Menton-Rome cycling race

Bologna, Mar. 22.

Italy's Guido Carli today won the third stage of the five-stage 917-mile Menton-Rome professional road cycling race when he covered the 81 miles from Reggio D'Emilia to here in 3 hrs 30 mins 50 secs.

Britain's Tom Simpson was second in the same time and Italy's Pietro Musone was third in 3 hrs 30 mins 53 secs.

Holland's Albertus Geldermans holds the overall lead in this classic Italian race which winds up in Rome on March 24.

Britain's Simpson took second place in the overall standings followed by Carli and Musone and Clampi of Italy.

The fourth leg tomorrow includes a race from Bologna to Poggione, 90.5 miles over rough hill country and a second race against the clock from Poggione to Siena over 10 miles.—AP.

RIDE 'IM, IVAN



Almost a Wild West act from jockey Ivan Avdeyev as he just manages to stay on when the Russian Grand National entry Grifel rears high and nearly comes to grief after his hind leg stuck in the fence at Haydock Park racecourse last week.

Grifel, with Russia's two other big race hopes, was having his first taste of English steepchase fences. After the outling, when the trio jumped four plain fences and the open ditch, the Russian party expressed satisfaction with their horses. They pointed out they had not worked on grass since last October. Last Sunday, however, the Russians announced the withdrawal of one of their horses, Epigraff, from the National.—Reuter photo.

36 acceptors for Grand National

London, Mar. 22.

There are 36 acceptors for the Grand National steeplechase to be run over four miles 858 yards at Aintree, Liverpool, on Saturday. These are (with weights and probable riders):

Relief (B. Pononarenko, 12 stone); Grifel (V. Prakhov, 12.0); Merryman II (D. Anell, 11.12); Mr. Whit (D. V. Dick, 11.9); Oxa (M. Scudamore, 11.8); Wyndburgh (T. Brookshaw, 11.5); Taxidennist (J. Lawrence, 11.4); O'Malley Point (P. A. Farrell, 11.4); Kilmore (F. Winter, 11.0); Hunter's Breeze (F. Carroll, 10.13); Impassant (R. Couetil, 10.13); Team Spirit (G. Robinson, 10.13); Ploater (E. P. Hart, 10.11); Dadanloch (S. Mellor, 10.10); Fresh Winds (No jockey, 10.10); Brian Oge (J. Guest, 10.10); Clove Bud (D. Mould, 10.10); Double Crest (N. Hely-Kutchinson, 10.7); Bantay Bay (Sir W. Piggott-Brown, 10.7); Jonjo (P. Taffie, 10.7); Irish Coffee (J. Kinagoe, 10.6); Scottish Flight (W. Rees, 10.6); Wily Oriental (P. G. Madden, 10.6); Oscar Wilde (R. E. Jenkins, 10.4); Jimmura (J. Leigh, 10.4); Carrasco (P. Pickford, 10.3); Ernest (H. J. East, 10.1); Canobie Lee (D. Nicholson, 10.1); Nicolaus Silver (H. Beasley, 10.1); Penny Feather (J. Lehane, 10.1); Sabarata (M. Roberts, 10.0); Kinglet (T. W. Biddlecombe, 10.0); Vivant (R. J. Hamey, 10.0); Tea Fiend (R. R. Harrison, 10.0); and April Queen (Captain P. Upton, 10.0).—Reuter.

European Cup win for Rapid

Vienna, Mar. 22.

The Austrian club Rapid of Vienna, beat IFK Malmo of Sweden 2-0 in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final here today.

Rapid led 1-0 at half-time.

The semi-finals the winners will meet either Benfica (Portugal) or Aarhus (Denmark).—Reuter.

Taiwan rugby side beaten but not disgraced

By "PROP"

The Chien Kuo Old Boys' rugby side from Taiwan put up a plucky display at the Club Stadium last evening although they were beaten by 17 points (one goal, three tries and a penalty goal) to six (one try, one penalty goal) by the Hongkong Rugby Union President's XV.

Their pack played well enough to provide plenty of opportunities for the backs who, unfortunately, lacked sufficient experience to take advantage of their chances.

The lightly built players from Taiwan jumped very well in the lineouts and showed up once more the absence in Hongkong of a forward of good "jumping" forward. Time after time the Taiwan players leapt above their taller opponents and showed a very good sense of how to play the ball after they had caught it.

In the tight the Taiwan forwards, though outweighed, shared the ball with one of the colony's most experienced hookers and for this the credit must go to their hooker Chung Shuang-Hsiang, and to the other seven forwards who did their best to keep their feet out of the way and allow the ball a free passage.

On the other hand the President's XV were very sluggish in their handling. Intentionally they did gain a few penalty kicks with these tactics, but this fact does not offset the times when they should, and could, have heeled quickly and allowed their backs to run.

The referee soon showed that he was not going to stand for any nonsense from either side when, after five minutes play, he penalised the President's XV and Chien Hung-I kicked a very neat goal from twenty-five yards at an angle.

The President's XV were strong to the attack and, after orthodox passing had failed, their pressure bore fruit as Fidler kicked a well-judged penalty from the Taiwan twenty-five, and about a third of the way in from touch.

Taiwan rushed to the other end but Johnstone with a good kick, from a penalty awarded near the President's line, found touch on the half-way line.

The fly-half featured again, but this time in an attacking role, as he broke through and linked up with his forwards on the Taiwan twenty-five. Back came the ball through Cheetham, Anthony, Dixon and Low, to Fidler who ran hard into the corner for a try which he was unable to improve.

Taiwan were awarded a penalty kick shortly after the resumption but Chung Shuang-Hsiang was short with his attempt and Fidler, fielding close to his own line, doubled back and put Weavill away up the line. The full-back's cross-kick was chased hard by the pack, some members of which were ruled off-side.

From the scrum taken by the Taiwan side, the ball was eventually put into Watson's hands. Struggling for the corner the winger handed off three men and passed inside to Low who raced over to touch down between the posts. Fidler noticed the extra points with his kick and at half-time the President's XV led by 11 points to three.

Taiwan settled down after the interval and very few of the attacks against them looked dangerous.

Fidler scored a good try, with a strong run along the right-hand touchline, which he was unable to convert, and Robert, Babington and Dixon went close on occasions, but it was Watson who scored the final try for the President's XV.

Taking a pass in the Taiwan half he cut inside and kicked diagonally. Chasing the ball hard he was on hand to take

the ball from an unsuspecting defender and run over for a well taken opportunistic try. Again Fidler missed the kick, from a narrow angle.

Close to the whistle for "no-side" Lin Chen-Tai crossed the line for a consolation try for the visitors which Chung was not able to convert.

Not an inspiring game, but full marks to a very keen, fit Taiwan side who lacked experience but never once stopped trying.

The teams

President's XV

Weavill, Watson, Low, Fidler, Xavier, Johnstone, Wilkins, Babington, Kell, Row, Anthony, Dixon, Roberts, Cheetham, Smith.

Chien Kuo Old Boys' Lin Chen-chun, Lin Chen-tai, Chung Ko-jun, Chien Hung-i, Chung Ko-hsiu, Liu Chen-hsing, Kuo Mi-tai, Chen Cha-chi, Chung Shuang-hsiang, Lin Chung-ye, Yau Shi-san, Wang Cheng-cha, Chiu Yan-iel, Chen Fun-lai, Lin Hon-ken.

There are no matches scheduled for this Saturday. The next fixtures will take place on Wednesday March 29 when the Police will oppose Whitfield Wanderers, and in the evening at the Club Stadium the Club will play their annual game against Wayfoong.

Tahl, Botvinnik begin 4th match

Moscow, Mar. 22.

The fourth game of the World Chess Championship series began in Moscow today between champion Mikhail Tahl and challenger Mikhail Botvinnik. Botvinnik leads 2-1.—UPI.

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HOCKEY ROUNDUP

International matches, and Army and Ladies' Festivals this weekend

The only two remaining matches in the Men's Hockey League both feature first division Army 'A' who still have to play IRC 'A' and Macaensis 'A'. Army 'A' need three points from these two matches to displace KCC 'A' from second position in the league table.

The dates for these fixtures have not yet been settled, but the Holland Cup final between Army 'A' and Recife 'A' will probably be played on April 9. As a curtain raiser to this match the winners of the two sections of the second division, Prisons and RAF will play off for the Second Division Championship.

The International Knock-out Tournament is now under way, two matches having been played so far in which Malaysia defeated Wales, and Commonwealth beat Holland.

The only match this weekend, apart from the Army's and Ladies' Festivals, is Pakistan versus Ireland at King's Park on Sunday morning. Ireland will be holding a strong side for this match and with an inside trio consisting of Ryan (RAF), Gardner (Nav Bharat) and Landells (KCC), the Pakistan defence will be in for a hard time.

The Army's Six-a-side Festival takes place on Sunday at Sookunpo, commencing at 12.45 pm. There are 32 teams entered and an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment should be provided. At the same time, across the harbour the Ladies are holding

their Seven-a-side Festival at Recife and King's Park.

Next week the Combined Services Singapore are visiting the Colony for a series of three matches and will also play in Macao. Their first match is against the Combined Services Hongkong on Thursday and this will be followed by one against All Hongkong on Friday. They then visit Macao and return to play Combined Civilians on Tuesday April 4.

Fixtures

Following are the hockey fixtures for this weekend and the coming week:

SUNDAY

Men's International Series: Pakistan vs Ireland at King's Park, 11 am. Umpires: W. Matthews, H. Crabbe. Army Six-a-side Festival at Sookunpo, 12.45 pm. Ladies' Seven-a-side Festival at Recife and King's Park, 12.30 pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28: Men's International Series: England vs India at King's Park, 5.30 pm. Umpires: Y. Khau, A. Cunha. Nepal vs Scotland at Sookunpo, 5.30 pm. Umpires: H. Crabbe, H. Brandt.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29: Ladies' International Series: England vs USA at KGV, 5.30 pm. Umpires: M. Caswell, A. Van der Stuit. Commonwealth vs Zanzibar at KCC, 5.30 pm. Umpires: W. Matthews, K. Lall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30: Combined Services Hongkong vs Combined Services Singapore at Sookunpo, 5.30 pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: All Hongkong vs Combined Services Singapore at Sookunpo, 5 pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4: Combined Civilians vs Combined Services Singapore at KCC or King's Park, 5.30 pm.

League tables

LEAGUE TABLES

First Division

Macarials 'A'	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macarials 'A'	13	11	1	1	14	13	23
KCC 'A'	14	8	3	3	28	19	19
Army 'A'	12	8	1	3	23	17	17
Nav Bharat 'A'	11	6	4	4	22	16	16
Recife 'A'	14	6	2	6	23	14	14
IRC 'A'	13	4	3	6	21	11	11
Macarials 'B'	14	3	9	12	22	9	9
Recife 'B'	14	1	10	13	10	2	2

Second Division

Prisons	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Prisons	14	12	2	0	63	72	26
Army 'B'	14	11	1	2	32	20	23
Nav Bharat 'B'	14	7	2	5	27	17	16
Bangor	14	6	3	5	27	17	16
Demons	14	4	3	7	26	43	11
HKIC 'B'	14	3	3	8	18	61	9
Lions	14	3	3	8	18	61	9
Macarials 'C'	14	2	10	12	6	0	4

Section 'B'

RAF	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RAF	12	8	2	2	41	12	18
Army 'C'	12	6	2	4	24	10	14
KCC 'B'	12	6	2	4	24	10	14
HKIC 'C'	12	4	2	6	20	10	10
Dutch HC	12	4	2	6	20	10	10
IRC 'B'	12	1	10	10	7	3	3
Nav Bharat 'C'	12	1	11	13	8	2	2

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STRAIGHT WIN

Boston, Mar. 22. Undeclared heavyweight Tom McNeely stopped Kellone Lave in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder last night for his 23rd consecutive victory.

McNeely, who has his eye on a bout for the world heavyweight championship, had little trouble with Lave, who hails from Tonga in the Friendly Islands.

The Arlington, Massachusetts, slugger pounded Lave to the canvas three times in the third round before referee Bill Connelly stopped the fight at 2:24.

Lave was stunned by a straight right in the second round and never fully recovered. He regained his feet after the third knockdown but was helpless.—UPI.

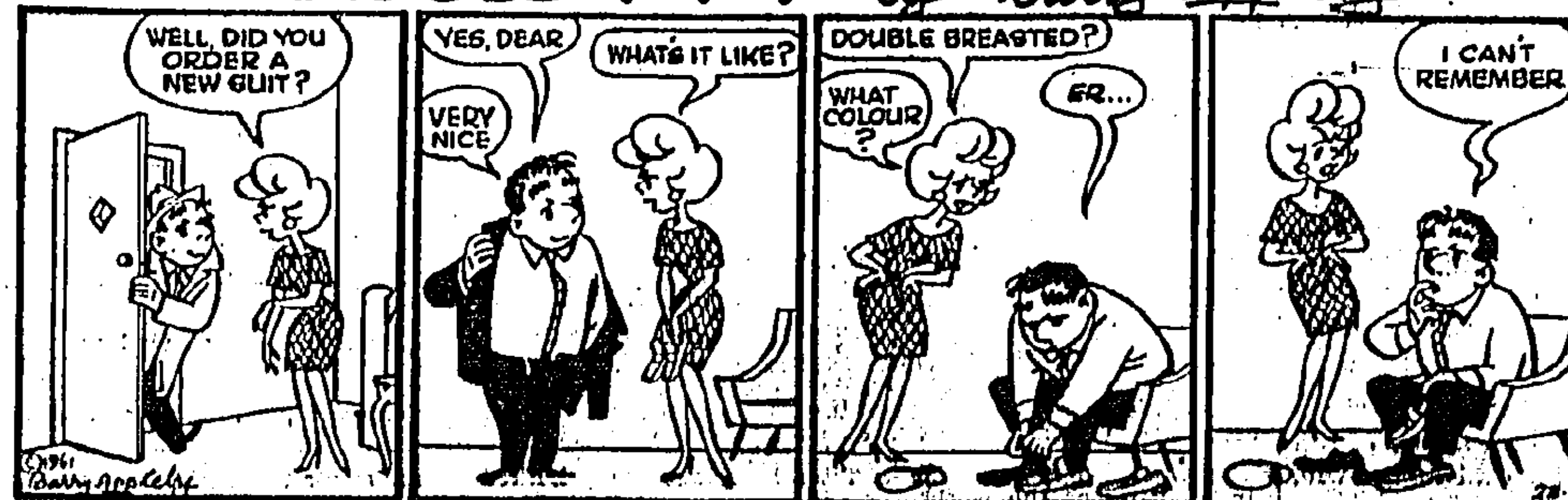
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THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby



CLIVE GRAHAM....back in England after a 31,000-mile tour continues with his world-wide survey on Racing.

The horse dopers an eye opener

Testing horses for dope after every race has now become almost standard procedure throughout the racing world overseas, with very few exceptions.

And it was an eye-opener to follow close at hand the methodical routine efficiency with which these checks are conducted; the steps taken to ensure that the sample bottles could not be switched or tampered with; and the clinic-type cleanliness of the laboratories on each race-course.

All the vets and analysts told me that some modern stimulants cannot be detected in samples of sweat and saliva.

In Britain, therefore, I could "hop up" a horse any day of the week, without fear of being found out—if I used some of the substances the analysts told me about.

I have no doubt whatsoever that these drugs are being employed with impunity by trainers in England, where tests are not so rigid.

Advanced

The title of "the most doped horse in the world," must undoubtedly go to the starter's hack in Singapore. There the anti-doping methods are more advanced than in any other country I visited, and the starter's hack is used as a guinea pig. He seems very happy about it all, too.

"Most of our owners are Chinese," explained Mr. Victor Bath, chairman of the Straits Racing Association, "and they have an outlook on the sport which differs from that held by most Europeans."

"They can see nothing wrong in having a horse stimulated. In their eyes, this merely represents a smart business move."

"It's vital for the continuation of racing in Malaya that there should be no scandal involved in the sport," he continued, "and the Government would step in and prohibit it," went on Mr. Bath.

With this object in mind, a sub-committee was appointed 10 years ago. Dr. Walter Rintoul, a Bachelor of Science, who received his doctorate in physics at Edinburgh University and is considered to be one of the ablest members of his profession, reviewed the whole subject candidly with me in his laboratory on Singapore race-course.

Challenge

We were surrounded by all the paraphernalia of the chemist's layout—bunsen-burners, test-tubes, dyes and powders in scores of stoppered bottles.

The most expensive item of equipment was the £1,000 spectro-photometer, using ultra-violet rays.

"This place and this job represent a real challenge, for we are up against some of the cleverest dope tricksters in the world," he remarked.

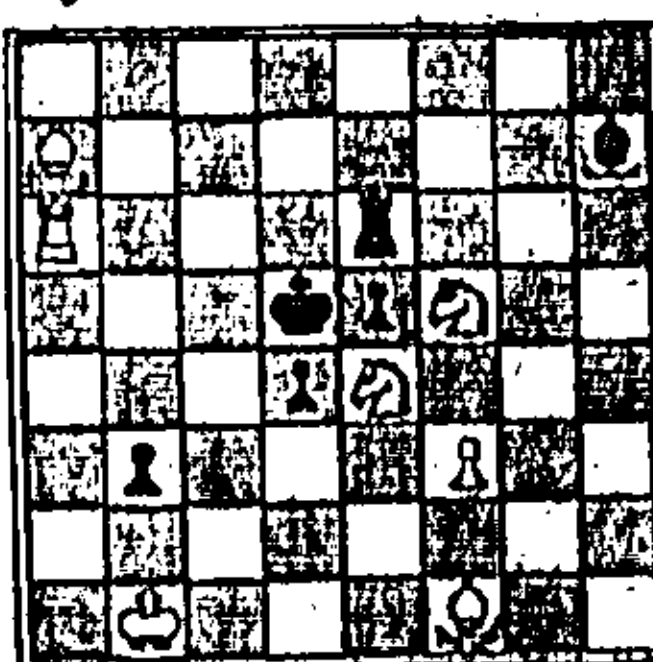
He was the most impressively professional man that I met throughout my tour.

There was no need for him to thumb through reference books or to hesitate in answering my questions. He mentioned, in a casual aside, that his services had often been summoned as a toxicologist by the Singapore police force.

"Some of the doping cases conducted by the British Jockey Club seem to many of us altogether farcical," he said.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by D. J. de G. Andrade (1780 Problem, 1st, 1941). White to play and mate in two moves.
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best-known doping expert, "I gave him fresh life and energy." At Randwick (Sydney), at the little up-country meeting of Gosford, in New South Wales, and at one of America's cut-of-the-way tracks, Turr Paradise (near Phoenix, Arizona), I was able to watch horses having samples taken after each race.

"Do you know," I said to Alan Swan, the vet at Gosford, "your lay-out and procedure are more modern than you would find at Ascot, Epsom, or Newmarket."

"And as for allowing a member of the Press to be present at these checks, that would be quite unthinkable."

Swan appeared genuinely surprised. "Well," he came back with typical Australian candour, "I reckon those old fuddy-duddies back home have yet to learn to march with the times."

Rule

The Indians, especially in Bombay, where 25 trainers have been warned off over the past 15 years, have also had to modernise their anti-dope technique.

The West Indian Turf Club has now worked out a rule which seems to be particularly clever.

The club takes the view that horses requiring the administration of tonic, hormones, or vitamins are not in a fit condition to race.

It follows, therefore, that they must not be administered to horses while being trained for races, but only during the off-season or during rest periods.

I found a surprisingly contrary attitude, however, taken by some of the top vets in America. It concerned the use on horses of the chemical mixture known as Bufozolidin.

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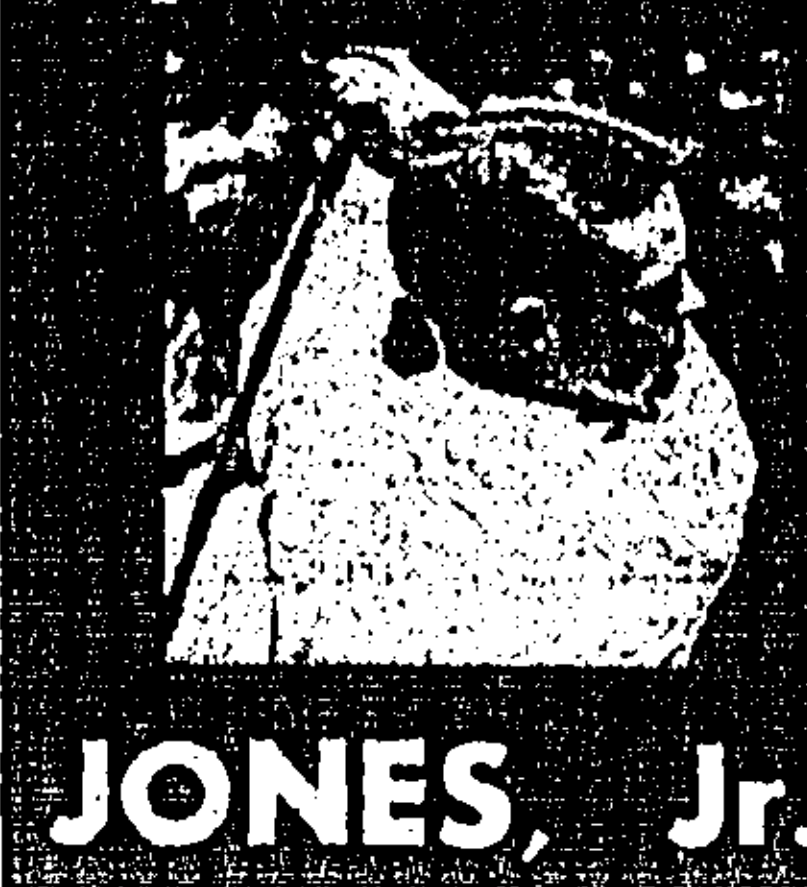
Should doping be outlawed?

(—London Express Service.)

GOLF IS MY GAME

Hoylelake—the British Open

By BOBBY



JONES, Jr.

to be precisely opposite to that of my fellow competitors. I seemed to have my trouble where everyone else was holding his own or building up a cushion, and contrarily, I managed to make my hay on the holes that caused others the most trouble.

The second day I added a 72 to the 70 of the first round, so that at the halfway point I was leading the field.

But in the third round, Archie Compston, a fine British professional player, put in a great round of 68 and took the lead from me by a stroke—216 to 216.

The deciding 16th

In the final round, Compston suffered an expectable reaction from his inspired play in the morning, and soon put himself out of it, but I also had my trouble with a wholly inexcusable 7 on the eighth hole. So it all came down to one bunker shot on the sixteenth hole to settle the issue.

The sixteenth hole at Hoylelake in 1930 was 532 yards in length. It was a dogleg to the right around the corner of a dike, at about 270 yards from the tee. The green was wide and flat, and whatever may have been on the right-hand side, there was a bunker at the left front corner of the green.

Going all-out in the final round for a 4, which I knew I needed desperately, my long wood second was pulled just enough to finish in this left-hand wall of the bunker, that is, the wall on the side opposite the hole.

The slope of this wall was quite abrupt, so that there could be no thought of playing an ordinary blast or half-blast, or even chip. The ball could only be struck by a sharply descending blow, and my right foot had to be placed almost at the top of the bank behind me. The hole lay at some twenty to twenty-five yards across this flat, shining green.

Only hope

I had not used for any important shot during the whole year the massive, concave sand-wedge which Horton Smith had given me earlier in the year. As I looked at this situation on the sixteenth hole on the championship, I could see that this was the only club with which this shot could be played successfully. If I could drop the ball just behind the bunker so that contact would be made just above centre of the face of the club, the loft should be just about right to play a running shot across the green.

I knew it was dangerous to use a club with which I had so little familiarity, but it was the only hope. The shot came off precisely as intended, the ball popped over the forward bank of the bunker and crept slowly across the green until it just flicked the edge of the hole and stopped two inches beyond.

That did it. I had to hole a reasonable putt for a 4 at the seventeenth. But I finished with another 4 at eighteen, and was safe from pursuit. Leo Diegel, coming along an hour later, took 6 at this same sixteenth hole and so lost to me by 2 strokes.

Never near peak

After the British Open, I had one free day before sailing for home, and this was given to a charity match at Oxhey in which I played with three of the Old Masters, Ted Ray, James Braid and Harry Vardon. I happened to play very well and, even with a 5 at the last hole, scored a 68, which was at the time the lowest score ever returned on the course.

On the boat-train on our way to Southampton to board a ship for America, Mary, my wife, Cyril Tolley and I were in a compartment together. At one point, Cyril said reflectively, "Bob, how many have you been over here?" "About six weeks,"

I replied, not seeing very much point to the question. "Do you suppose," Cyril continued, "you have ever played so badly for so long a period, and yet you have won both our championships?"

I confess to being a bit astonished by this comment. Yet I was certain that Cyril had not meant it in an unkindly way, as I considered the question, I was aware that to agree would imply a disparagement of the opposition I had encountered. Yet I knew Cyril had not meant this either.

He was trying to emphasise what I knew so well to be a fact, that I had managed by the hardest possible kind of labour to win these two tournaments when my game was never once anywhere near peak efficiency.

Very lucky

For the most part, I had been able to produce satisfactory figures, but there had not been one competitive round, save perhaps, the Amateur final against Wethered, when things had gone smoothly. One day it would be the long game, another the putting. On other days, there had been stretches of very excellent play in all departments by incredible lapses in concentration or effectiveness. It was a little difficult even for me to believe that this kind of play had carried me unbeaten through a Walker Cup match, the competition at Sunningdale, and the two championships.

I had been very lucky. Or that I was quite sure; but the recollection of the game at Oxhey was a very good thing to take onto the boat with me. There, I had played entirely up to the form I had had in August earlier in the year. Perhaps I should not have to work so hard in the tournaments' back home.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Badminton
Colony Open Championships at CCC 1.30 pm.
Hockey
International Series—Pakistan v Ireland (Bokurupoo) 6.30 pm.
Football
HKFA Interport Sub-Committee meeting at Association's Office, Sports-road 4 pm.
Tennis
Colony Grasscourt Men's Singles final (HKCC) 5 pm.

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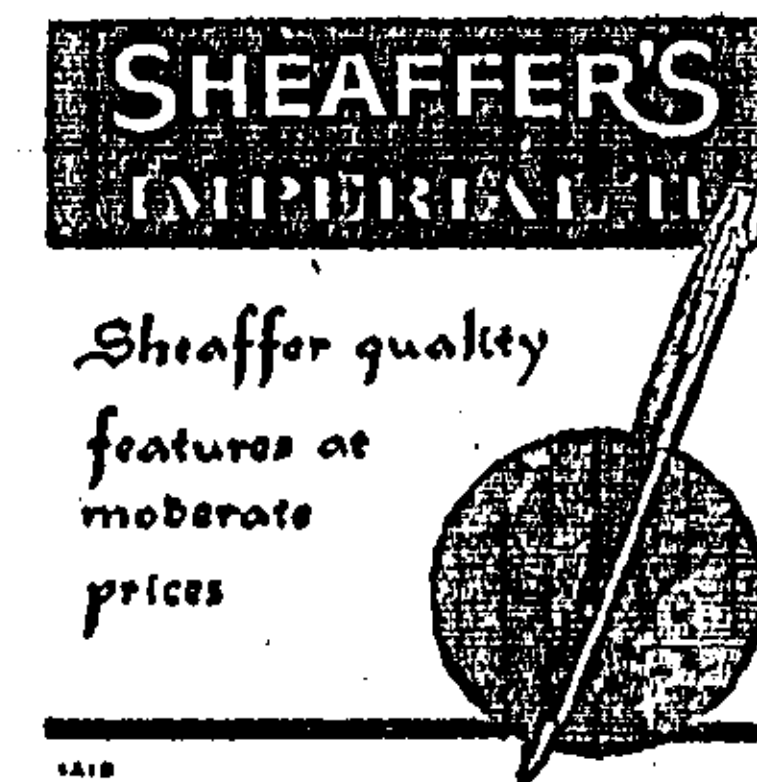
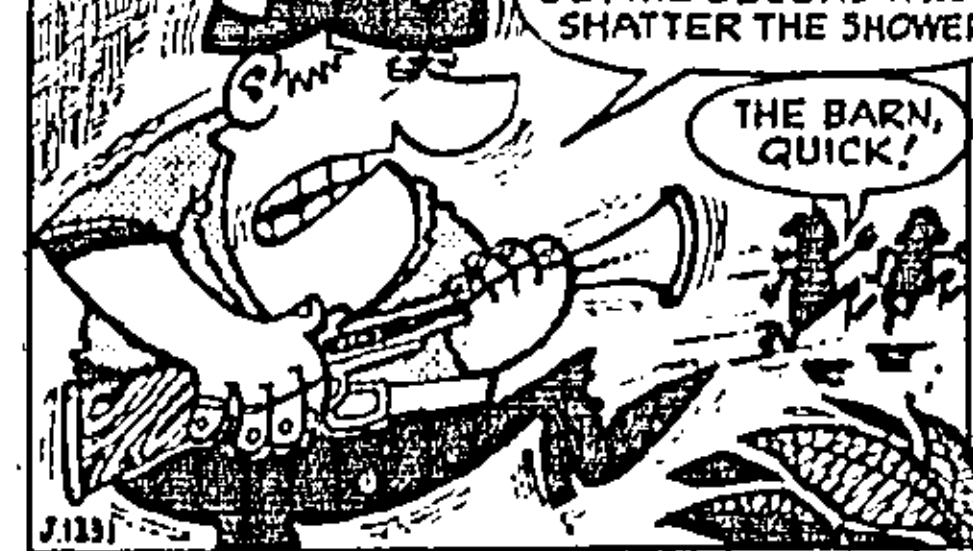
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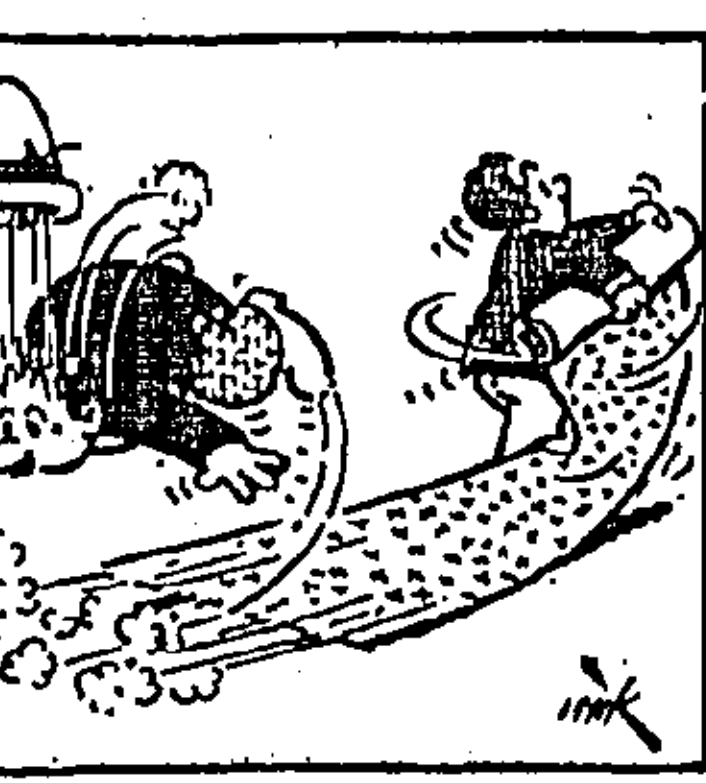
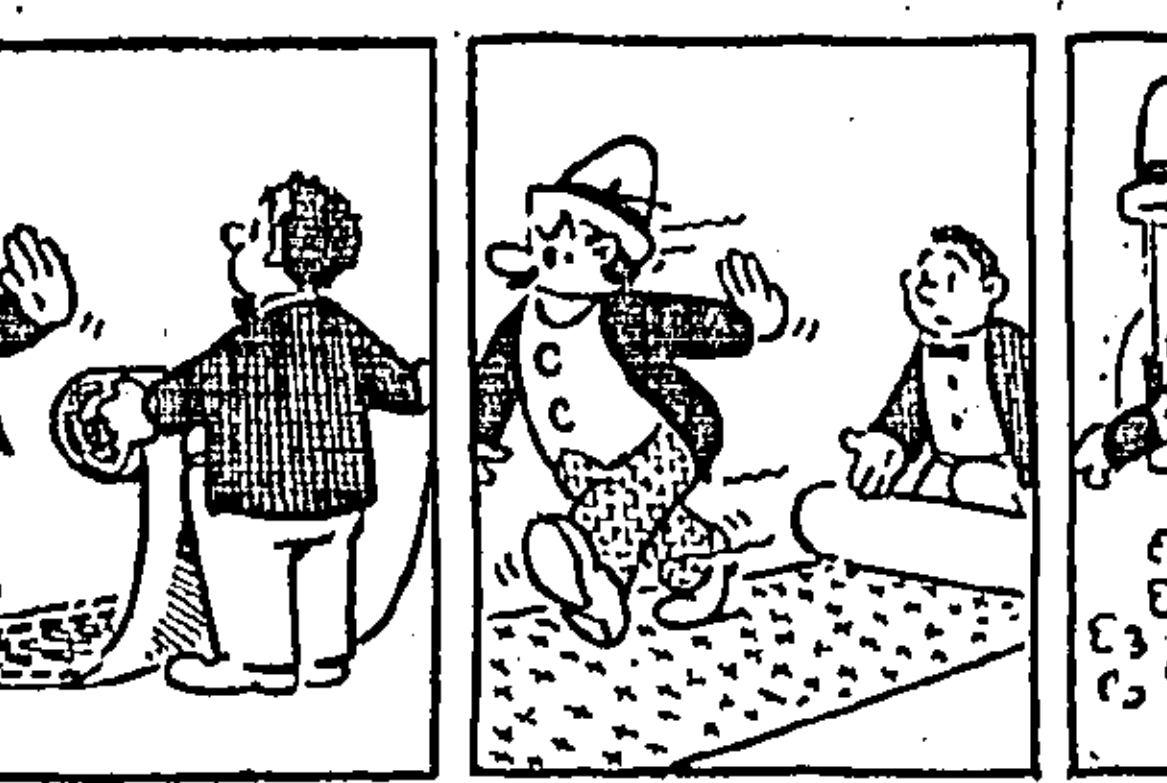
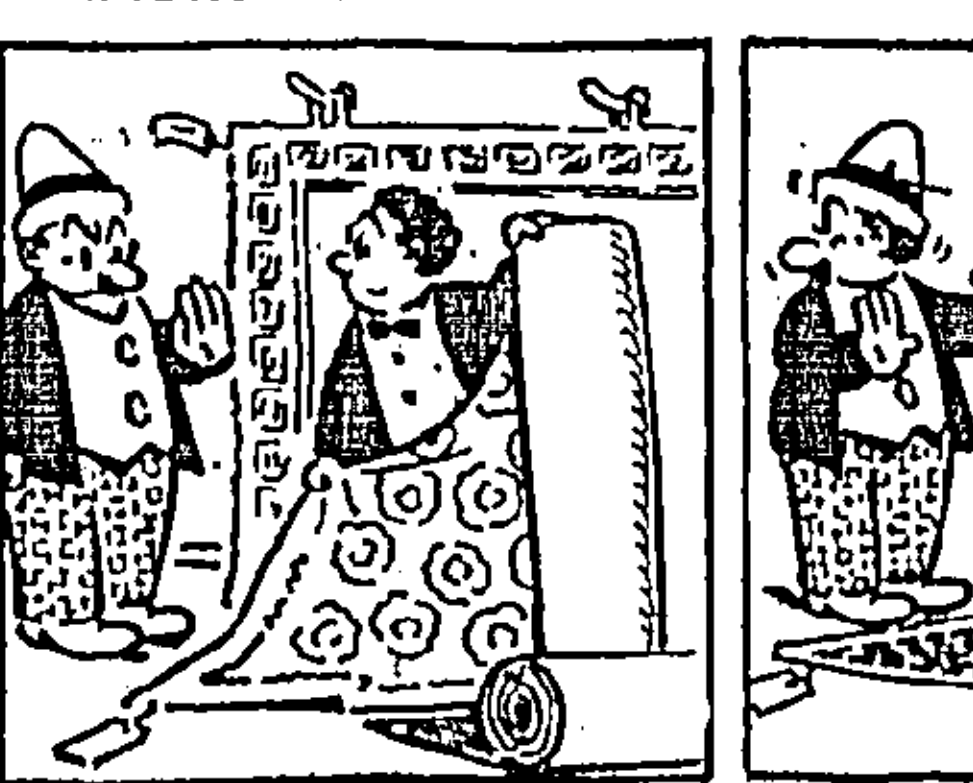


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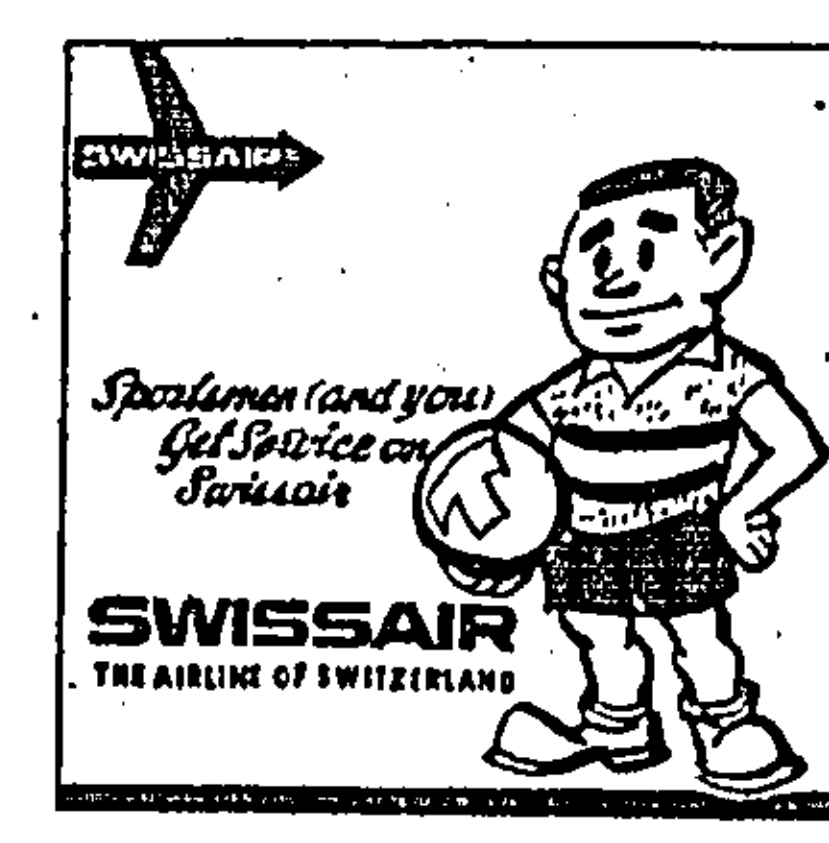
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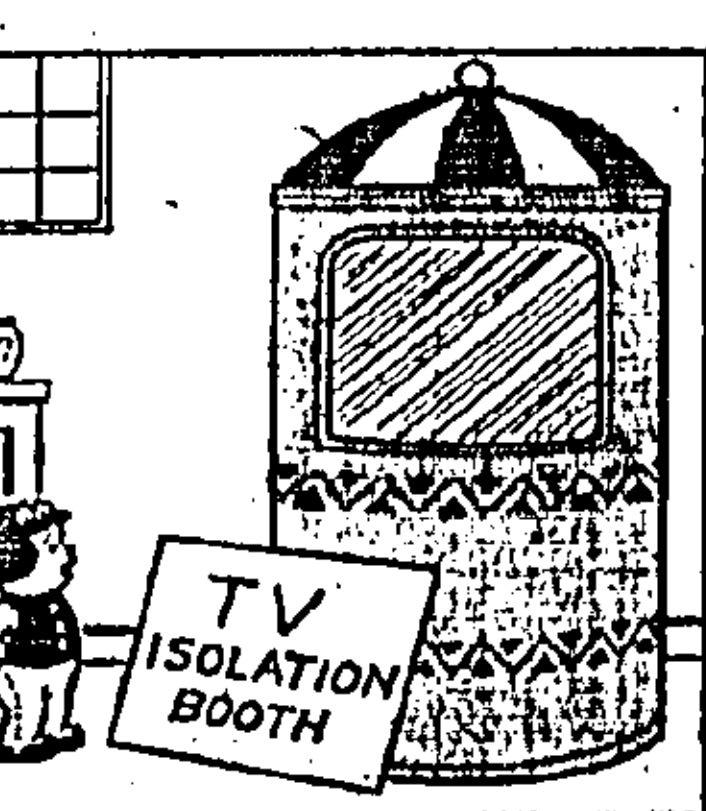
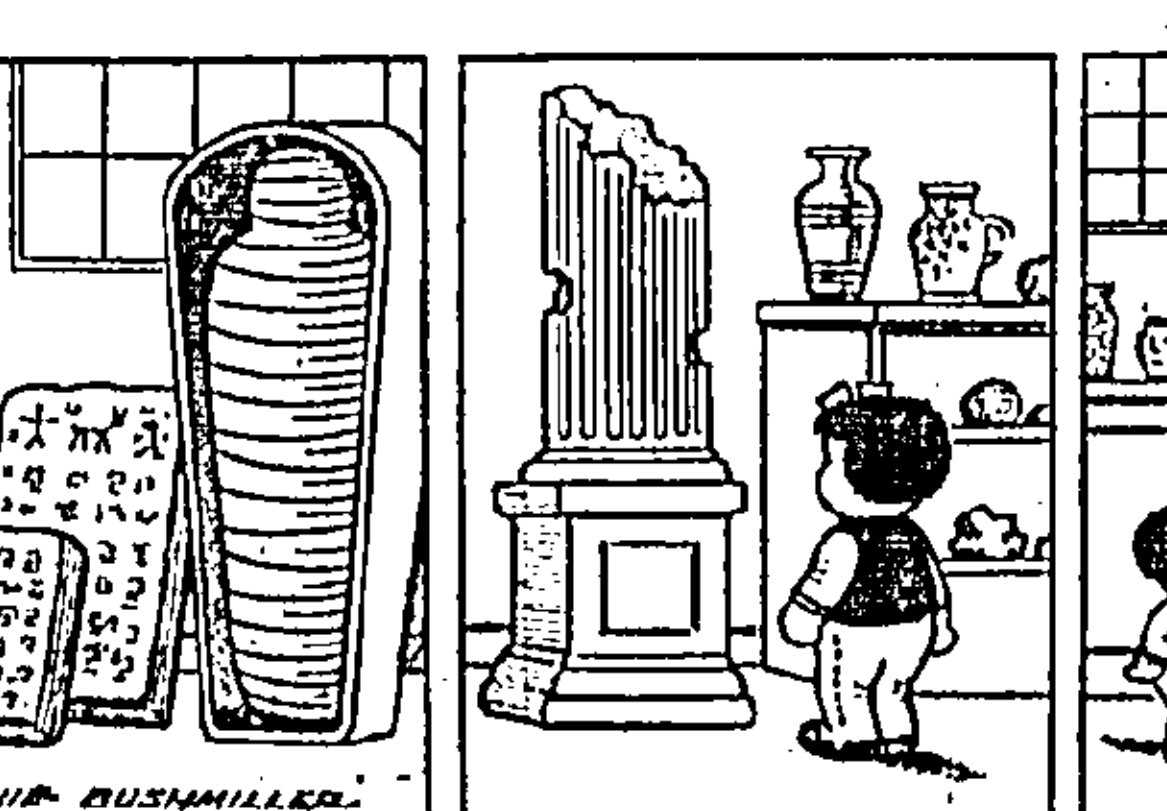
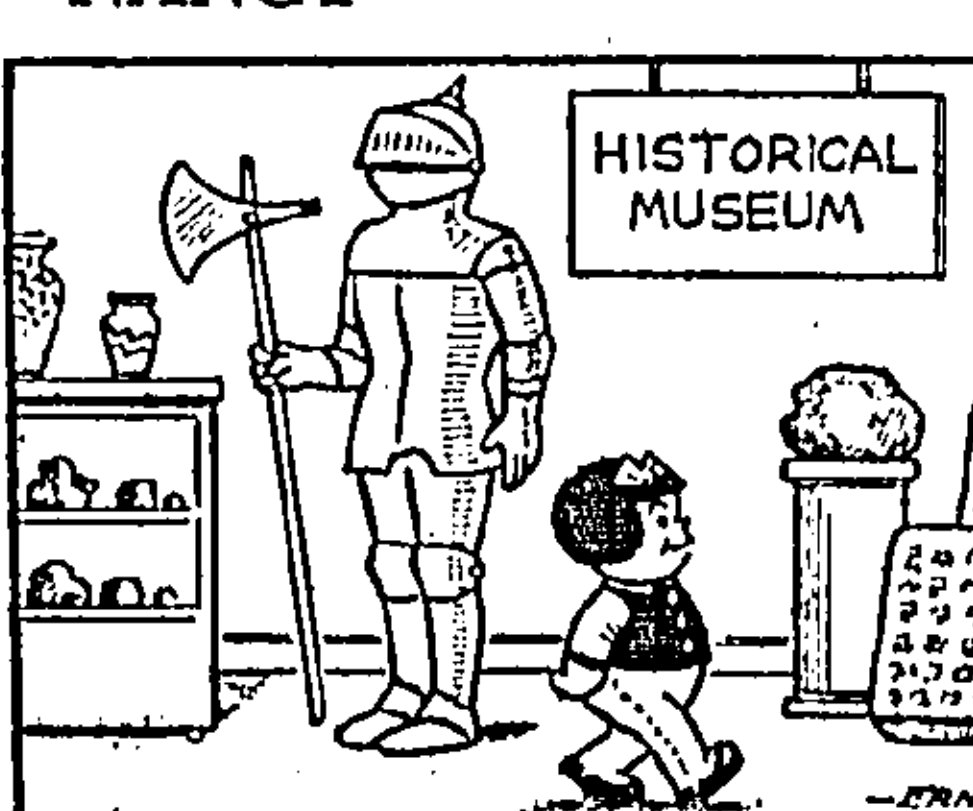
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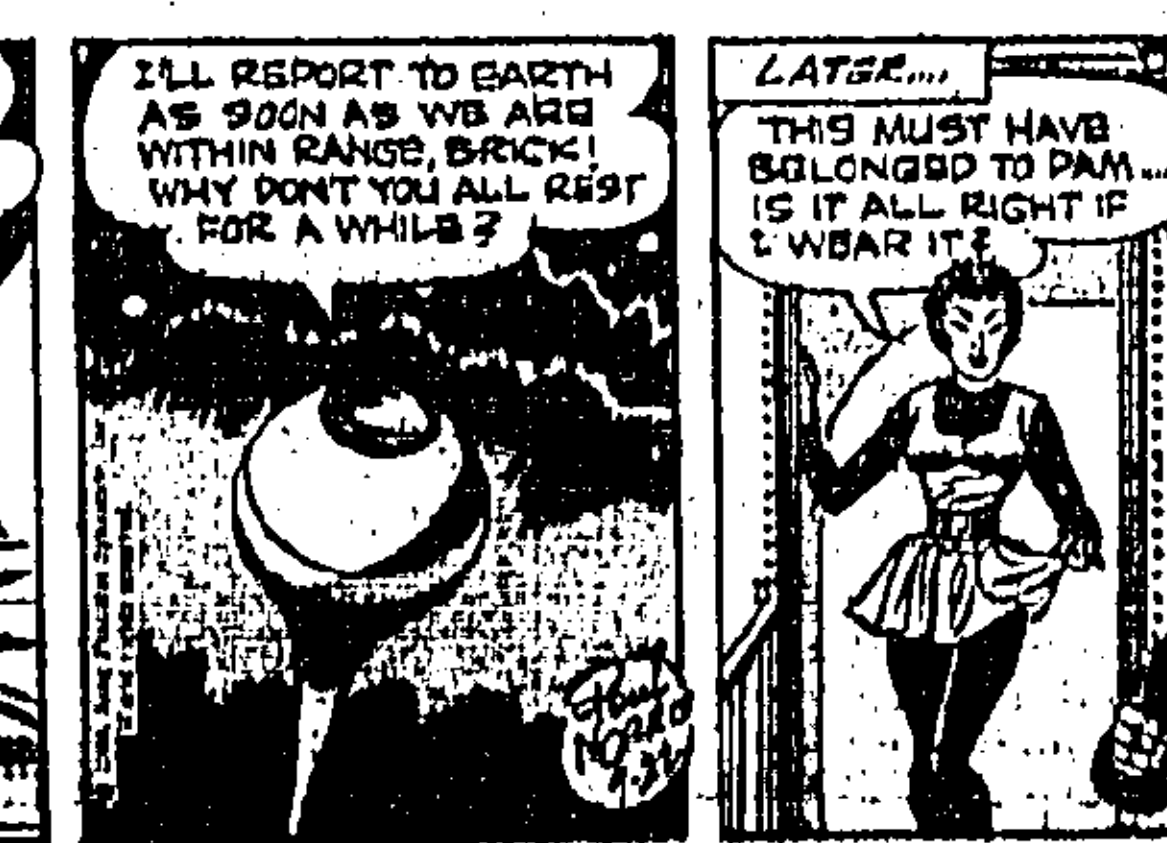


By Ernie Bushmiller

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BRICK BRADFORD



By Paul Norris



Hongkong people approve end to conscription VOLUNTEER PLAN WELCOMED

Comments by local residents

Government's plan to replace compulsory service with the volunteer system was warmly welcomed in Hongkong today.

Mr. H. E. Ales, Secretary of the Employers' Federation of Hongkong, said this morning that "there may not be much difference. Probably the employers will be just as sympathetic as before."

He explained that in the interests of the defence of the city, employers would not grudge their employees the chance to volunteer.

The Manager of Gilman Motors, Mr. A. D. Milner, exclaimed "This is much better."

Encourage

Calling the plan "a step in the right direction," he said that he would encourage his employees to volunteer under the new system.

"One always prefers to do as one wishes and dislikes to be told what to do," he explained. A former reporter who has been in the RHKDF for years said, "It's a good idea. I know of lots of people who have been ducking out of it just because compulsory service forces you to do something you don't want to do."

The time

"Then there are people who cannot afford the time," he said. "Even though allowed the time, some employees could only attend four hours in a month plus some weekends which make it impossible for them to learn anything."

On the other hand, he said, there should be no fear of shortage of manpower. "Many unemployed Chinese would like to join the services as volunteers and thereby not only render a service to the community but make something for a living."

There are also many conscripts who are pledged to re-join the services as volunteers after the change.

Mr. Silvana Tay, for instance, of the Civil Aid Services, said he would definitely continue with the services after Hongkong abandons the compulsory system.

No interference

The training time comes in the evenings and on Sundays when it won't interfere with my regular employment."

"And there is the allowance in addition to regular income."

"In actual fact," he pointed out, "The CAS has been receiving more and more new members."

His brother, Peter, on the waiting list of Auxiliary Air Force, said "The tendency will be an increase in the number of volunteers."

PLUMBER TO STAND TRIAL FOR ACID THROWING

Central Magistrate Mr. K. A. S. Phillips today sent a 41-year-old plumber, Kam Kau of 9 Marsh-road for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of throwing acid.

The defendant is alleged to have thrown concentrated nitric acid on the face and neck of his wife, Liu Yuk-ying, 37, on February 13.

Princess Amina's clothes stolen

Belly-dancing star Princess Amina had a suitcase full of clothes she uses in her act and make-up stolen in the early hours of this morning.

Her husband, the Hon Tony Moynihan, said that the clothes would cost several thousand dollars to replace "but I can't see they'd be of much use to anyone else."

Princess Amina and Mr Moynihan were visiting friends in Champagne Court after her three nightly performances. The suitcase was left standing in the hallway outside the friends' apartment.

It was gone when they came out. "The police are trying to trace it," Mr Moynihan said. "I was very impressed with the prompt way they took action."



Left to right, Mr. A. I. Khan and Mr. A. Rab at this morning's ceremony.—China Mail photo.

PAKISTAN DAY FLAG RAISING

Pakistan Day was observed in Hongkong with a symbolic hoisting this morning of the national flag at the office of the Pakistani Trade Commissioner in Hongkong, Mr. A. Rab.

Mr. Rab addressed about 100 members of the community giving them a review of the past year in Pakistan, the achievements of the present Government and the problems faced by it. He made particular mention of the launching of the five-year plan and the ratification of the Indus Water Treaty with India.

The launching of educational reforms and the introduction of basic democracy in the country were touched on by Mr. Rab, as well as the natural calamities of typhoon and floods which caused widespread loss of life and damage in November last year.

Mr. Rab spoke of Pakistan's general foreign policy as well as the institution of a kind of democracy in strata from village level upwards.

He spoke of the necessity for Pakistanis in Hongkong not only to demand their rights but to be conscious of their responsibilities and to reflect honour and glory on their country.

Plastic manufacturers see Hongkong factories

A group of European plastic manufacturers returned home today after an extensive tour of local plastic factories.

The group had spent five days here visiting a number of factories studying methods of production and equipment.

Shortly before leaving by Swire today, one of the nine members of the group, Mr. G. Sulner, an engineer and general manager of a Swiss rubber and plastics manufacturing firm, said he had been very impressed with the factories he had seen here.

Allegedly made false statement

A class "A" filer of the Water Works Department pleaded not guilty before Mr. Derek Cons at Central this morning to making a false statement to a police officer and hearing was fixed for April 4.

The 40-year-old man, Wong Sai-woon, was alleged to have knowingly made a false report of the commission of an offence to Inspector Poon Bing-kit at the Anti-Corruption Branch on January 17.

Detective Inspector Lam Muk-shing briefly told Mr. Cons that Wong reported to Insp Poon on January 17 that he had paid certain money to a person as a reward or favour for his promotion.

On February 6, Insp Lam added, Wong contradicted his story by making another statement to him.

Girl kicked in shuttlecock mishap

A young man accidentally kicked a six-year-old girl to the ground while playing shuttlecock outside the Kau Y Fong Public Health Centre yesterday evening. The girl was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

As a result, the 20-year-old shoe-maker, Chan Fuk-chung, of 109 Wellington-street, first floor, appeared before Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning on a charge of playing a game in a public place so as to cause obstruction.

Chan pleaded guilty but was remanded seven days until the full extent of the girl's injury is known.

JAILED FOR STEALING FROM SLEEPING MAN

A 25-year-old unemployed man, Lo Chi, residing at the garage of No. 17 Fort-street, who was arrested for loitering at night and then admitted to a detective that he had stolen \$99 from a street sleeper, was jailed for a total of eleven and a half months by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Lo who pleaded guilty to loitering with intent and larceny was also ordered to be placed under two years' supervision.

Students give blood

A blood donation by students in the New Asia College, Farm-rod, Kowloon began this morning when a team from the Blood-Collection depot at Fung House, Hongkong went out to attend the volunteers.

Mrs K. S. Phillips was in charge of the collecting group.

Kabayao—a young accomplished violinist

By D. E. GRAY

WE have had so many visiting pianists in Hongkong recently that the concert of the young Filipino violinist, Gilopez Kabayao last night, was a welcome change.

Choice of programme is always a subject on which very divergent views are held, and one can usually only express a personal opinion, but for my taste, the Violin Concerto was a sound enough choice for an opening number — except that we do hear it very often.

The main work of the evening was the Mozart Concerto in G major, K.216—the accompaniment for orchestra having been "reduced" by some arranger for piano. A piano reduction is never a satisfactory substitute for orchestra, and it was an unfortunate choice for a main work.

The Chausson Poeme was very popular with the audience and indeed it was beautifully played. But it is a rather long-winded piece of music which seems to say very little.

The Paganini Caprice No. 2 is not one of the composer's better known caprices and of the 24, it is not by any means one of the best.

The Glere Romanza appeared to be built on a melody of great beauty and the beautiful tone of Kabayao was shown off to best advantage in this delightful little work.

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The programme ended with a Fantasia of "Carmen" melodies assembled apparently by Waxman. This is the type of violinistic nonsense which was very popular in English drawing rooms thirty years ago.

A few very pleasant melodies from the Bizet opera are expanded into a kind of fireworks display which does not do Mr. Waxman any credit—and I think budding virtuosos like Kabayao would, at least, before a Hongkong audience, do well to avoid such works.

We in Hongkong, entertain the highest hopes for this young violinist. There is no doubt he has received a very fine training, but the impression he gives to the average listener is that his left hand is more efficient than his bowing arm.

He has a most lovely vibrato which gives his tone great richness. But he seems to require a great deal of bow for any particular purpose, and on a number of occasions, when executing "back" bowing passages in the first and last movements of the Mozart Concerto, he had a tendency to increase suddenly the tempo, and it thus became erratic for a few bars.

AZALEAS IN BLOOM

Azalea in the Colony have reached their full glory since the warm days early this week and have attracted many visitors to the Botanic Gardens.

The lovely apricot and petunia shades are making a brilliant splash of colour admired by motorists and passers-by along Garden-road.

During the past two weeks Dr and Mrs Arthur Woo have entertained many Hongkong residents and visitors from overseas giving tea and luncheon parties while the azaleas were blooming in their tiered hillside garden in Conduit-road.—JD.

FOG HITS AIR SCHEDULES

Air movements in Hongkong were disrupted this morning by the heavy blanket of fog which covered the Colony.

Up to noon today only three planes left Kai Tak. Not one plane landed.

Japan Airlines and Air India flights into Hongkong from Okinawa and Bangkok were diverted. A Boac flight from Singapore was delayed.

From the Files

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IN connection with the inauguration of the London-Hongkong air mail service via Penang, by Imperial Airways — with the departure of the Dorado from Penang carrying London mails of March 14, due tomorrow morning (March 24), it is interesting to note that the service is being officially subsidised and that this Colony is expected to contribute its quota.

In the memorandum accompanying the Air Estimates for 1936 issued early this month it is stated that with the decision to establish the commercial air service to Hongkong and Penang, "provision has been made for the necessary subsidy and the Government of Hongkong are being invited to make a contribution towards the cost of the service."

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The Morning Post published a photograph of Mr D. L. Prophet and his bride, formerly Miss Helen Mary Knill, leaving the Hongkong Union Church after their marriage on March 18. Mr Prophet was attired in a kilt and the happy couple emerged from the church and passed under an arch of crossed hockey sticks.

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PRESIDING at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Jaily Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co Ltd yesterday, Mr S. H. Dodwell stated that the company's herd of cattle is now certified entirely free from tuberculosis.

He added that there are probably not more than six herds of a similar size in the world that come under such classification, and claimed that this highest of all standards constitutes a real advance in the pure food movement.

Reference was also made to the installation on the premises of the Wharf and Godown Co of a cold storage installation built primarily for the purpose of providing facilities for the storage or trans-shipment of cargo within easy access of the main wharves at Kowloon.



President John F. Kennedy (contra) is presented with a gold card as honorary "Barker" in Variety Clubs International, by Edward Manuel of Philadelphia, International Chief Barker of Variety (left), and by pretty Columbia star Milko Taka (right) who was selected as the one artist to represent the industry. Milko Taka is one of the four goishas in Columbia's new comedy "Cry For Happy." The White House presentation culminated the celebration of Variety Clubs week which marked the 34th anniversary of this 10,000 members organisation. Drawing its membership from the ranks of the entertainment industry, Variety Clubs have raised over US\$80,000,000 to achieve its goals of help for needy and handicapped children in five nations.



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